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National Covid-19 Task Force

28th August, 2020

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The Chairperson Southern COVID19 Task Force Phuentsholing

Sub: Directives of 17th NC19TF

Dasho,

We would like to convey the decisions of the 17 NC19TF meeting today on your submissions:

1. The directives of NC19TF received on 21/08/2020, clearly states "All cases pertaining to Project DANTAK or any other military request in future to be routed through the Royal Bhutan Army". However, the SC19TF has received a request from Project DANTAK for transshipment of 30 MT truck loads of cement at MDP. This request was made by Embassy of India through MFA.

The decision issued by NC19TF on 21/08/202 may be communicated to all concerned agencies of the RGoB in order to ensure that communication from Project DANTAK and any other military entities are routed through the RBA. Further, in view of Phuentsholing being declared as "Red Zone", SC19TF proposes that Project DANTAK may be advised by RBA to import cement from within the country.

The MFA has been directed to forward such cases to RBA.

2. Approval sought from NC19TF to allow movement of Doma Paney from Dzongkhag to Dzongkhag. Approval for movement of Doma Paney sought by Chhukha Dzongkhag.

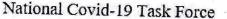
The NC19TF has approved the movement of Doma and Paney from Dzongkhag to Dzongkhag, strictly following containment measures.

3. Submission from Zhemgang Dzongkhag for the improvement & mitigation of slide prone areas such as Aie Slip, Box-Cutting, Ossay and Rio Tala. DoR, MoWHS intervention required.

The NC19TF has noted the issue and HPM may take up the matter with MoWHS.

4. Seeking NC19TF for ICT application for e-learning, approval for re- opening of schools in rural areas & allowing movement for distribution of SIM and door-to-door visit by teachers in rural communities close to schools. Directives sought on issues related to education submitted by Zhemgang Dzongkhag.







Door to door visits of teachers and their movement will have to be based on the overall movement restrictions in that particular area. Teachers movement within the gewog will be allowed in the rural areas but not for the urban areas following all health and containment protocol.

- 5. The NC19TF directed that people from Phuentslong be allowed to travel outside the area from 29th August 2020 after antigen tests. All vehicles must adhere to the existing vehicle disinfection, driver exchange, and transhipment protocols alongwith the health containment procedures. The empty/loaded trucks can go to the godowns/ MDP to pick up goods/ consignment and the drivers shall be kept in holding space till the loading/ unloading is completed.
- 6. The meeting directed that any person above the age of 60 travelling to Phuentsholing should seek prior permission from NC19TF to screen out comorbidity.

Yours Sincerely,

And (Jigme Thinlye Namgyal)

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The Chairperson, EC19TF/ CC19TF for kind information