

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND ORDER
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
COVID-19 LOCKDOWN**

In the event of a COVID-19 Lockdown, the key role and responsibility of the Department of Law and Order (DLO) shall be on Border Management and Intelligence gathering.

In this context, DLO shall:

- 1) Liaise and coordinate with Indian counterparts across the border
 - a) reach out to Indian counterparts in Assam and West Bengal as soon as possible to sensitize them about the Lockdown and solicit their support and cooperation whenever required
 - b) constantly liaise with Indian counterparts to ensure smooth flow of supply chain through ICPs during the Lockdown
 - c) facilitate supply and distribution of food and other consumable items in coordination with relevant agencies
 - d) seek interventions by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) wherever required

- 2) Strengthen coordination among Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to ensure strict vigilance to prevent illegal cross-border movement of people
 - a) establish a WhatsApp/Telegram networking mechanism among LEAs for efficient sharing of information
 - b) mobilize LEAs and village volunteers to patrol all unofficial entry-exit routes along the border
 - c) engage local governments of border Dzongkhags to actively assist LEAs and volunteers

3) Intelligence sharing mechanism

- a) inform all Dzongkhags sharing international borders to monitor movement of people
- b) activate and strengthen Resoops' role for intelligence gathering and share intelligence inputs with relevant LEAs for appropriate action
- c) sensitive intelligence inputs shall be submitted to the Government for directives

Border Management and Intelligence sharing mechanism during the Lockdown

