GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract
Industries Department – Covid-19 Exemption from Lock down from 20th April 2020 – Conditions / Standard Operating Procedure – Orders issued

INDUSTRIES (H) DEPARTMENT
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2. G.O. (Ms) No. 78/2020/GAD dated 17.04.2020

ORDER

As per the reference first cited above, Government of India has extended the lockdown up to 3rd May 2020 along with certain relaxations after 19th April 2020. Government of Kerala vide reference 2nd above has issued detailed order outlining various relaxations applicable to industries and other commercial activities in the state. It was also decided inter alia that, the concerned Departments will issue separate orders on the conditions and standard operating procedure to be observed while operating under the lockdown period.

Accordingly, following standard operating procedures/ conditions to be followed by the Industrial units/ houses in the state, while resuming their operations.

1. All the areas in the premises of the units, shall be disinfected completely using permitted disinfectants.

2. For workers coming from outside, exclusive transportation facility shall be arranged without any dependency on the public transport system. These vehicles should be allowed to operate with 30-40 % passenger capacity.
3. All vehicles and machinery entering the premise should be disinfected.
4. There shall be a single point of entry and exit for the workers for proper accounting of number of people inside the plant.
5. Social distancing norms shall be strictly observed.
6. All the workers and staff shall wear appropriate face mask. Hand Gloves may be insisted upon, if required.
7. Frequent washing of soap (at least 20 seconds) shall be insisted and practiced. Workers shall be discouraged from touching their face with hands.
8. Mandatory thermal scanning of everyone entering and existing the work place to be done.
9. Medical insurance, including infection of corona virus, for the workers to be made mandatory.
10. Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing.
11. Large gatherings or meetings of 10 or more people to be discouraged. Seating at least 6 feet away from others on job sites and in gatherings, meetings and training sessions. As far as possible, meetings shall be conducted through video conferencing.
12. Not more than 2 to 4 persons (depending on size) shall be allowed to travel in lifts or hoists. Use of staircase for climbing should be encouraged.
13. There should be strict ban on use of gutka, tobacco etc and spiting should be strictly prohibited.
14. There should be total ban on non-essential visitors at sites.
15. Hospitals/clinics in the nearby areas, which are authorized to treat COVID-19 patients, should be identified and list should be available at work place all the times.
16. All units shall record the functioning (deployment of persons) of the unit through a CCTV or a Video Camera and the recording be made available for the Incident Commanders/District Administration at any point of time for verification.
17. These conditions are to be enforced by all the District Collectors, through an Incident Commanders, appointed for the purpose. These designated officers shall make inspections of the Industrial units to satisfy that, all the conditions imposed are followed in letter and spirit.

18. Any violation of any of these conditions, would lead to cancellation of the exemptions granted herewith.

(By order of the Governor)

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