

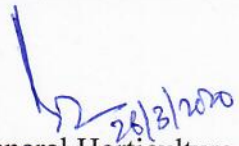


### Maintenance of Essential Services

To contain the spread of COVID-19, Government has announced 21 days lockdown in the entire Country. Fruit and vegetable farmers of the State are asking for exemption of movement during this period due to peak harvesting season of crops.

Agricultural including horticulture operations are considered as Essential Service, therefore, it is required that the following services may be allowed to maintain supply chain of horticulture commodities and also to allow farm operations for forthcoming production and supply requirements:

- 1) Harvesting and transport of potato, tomato, cauliflower, mushroom, flower, etc.
- 2) Cold storage operations for storing commodities especially potato and allow of use of fogging in the cold storages including fumigation services (vehicle and labour).
- 3) Farm operations at Govt. Garden & Nurseries and Centre of Excellence of Crops in the State and the storage/disposal of produce including irrigation and micro-irrigation system.
- 4) Placement and transport of honey bee colonies and extraction of honey from the bee-boxes.


  
Director General Horticulture,  
Haryana, Panchkula.

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Dated, Panchkula: 26-03-2020

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. All the Deputy Commissioners of the State with the request to consider and allow the above mentioned operations and services to maintain the food supply chain.
2. All Dy. Director Horticulture/ District Horticulture Officers of the Department to take up the matter with the concerned authorities in case any issue arises in this regard.
3. All DDHs/ DHOs to maintain their HQ and to attend the office as per the requirement of authorities and instructions issued time to time to maintain supply chain of the horticulture produce. If any officer/ official found absent from duty during this period, without prior approval of the competent authorities, the action will be taken under claus-56 of Disaster Management Act-2005.
4. Govt. has circulated a list of FPOs and vendors to all DCs for supply of food items, copy of list has also been emailed to all DDHs/DHOs. It is instructed to facilitate FPOs and take up matter with district authorities and DMEO of the Marketing Board for maintaining supply chain.

  
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