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**Industrial and commercial activities to resume from 20th
April, 2020 in accordance with guidelines issued by
Government of India: CM**

Gandhinagar, Thursday: Government of India headed by Prime Minister Mr.Narendra Modi has decided to provide certain relaxations for industrial and commercial activities from 20th April, 2020.

Keeping the said decision in mind, Chief Minister of Gujarat Mr.Vijay Rupani has decided to implement the same in Gujarat.

Providing details of the decision of the CM, Secretary to CM Mr.Ashwani Kumar said, “These relaxations will not be applicable to areas declared as hotspots or containment zones in different cities of the state.Commercial activities and businesses can start functioning from 20th April, 2020 but with due procedures of safety and social-distancing.”

A committee will be formed at district level under the leadership of District Collector who will oversee the implementation of the relaxations to the industries and commercial activities in his jurisdiction.

In addition to that, a 7 member committee comprising regional head of the concerned GIDC, officer from the department of Labour and Employment, Chief District Health Officer, factory inspector, a deputy municipal commissioner in areas governed by municipal corporation , and an officer from district industrial centre will be formed to issue permissions as per the guidelines of Government of India for resuming industrial and commercial operations from 20th April 2020.

The standard guidelines for the industries include conducting thermal screening of the people at the establishment, compulsory masks, adequate facilities for sanitisation and social distancing, staggered lunch time, staggered entry and exit time and crowd management. The owners and the management of the organisation have to ensure that no person from the identified clusters or quarantined areas joins for work. Adequate stay and lodging arrangements for the workers and safe transport for pick-up and drop will have to be arranged by the concerned units. Violation of any of the standard operating procedures will lead to suspension of the approval for operations and the particular unit will be forced to shut.

The Secretary added, “There will be a 12 hour shift with a higher remuneration. The CM has also said that industrial units cannot seek work from female workers from 7 pm to 6 am. Works related to MNREGA shall also resume from 20th April, 2020.

Priority will be given to works such as irrigation and water conservation efforts. There should be a provision of masks for labourers under MNREGA in addition to ensuring that they observe social distancing.

Self-employed and daily wage earners such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, motor mechanics etc shall also be allowed to operate provided they use face masks, sanitisers and observe social distancing.

Construction activities, irrigation projects in addition to MSME activities shall resume from 20th April, 2020 , both within and outside the city limits provided they observe the guidelines issued by GOI. The permissions for the same will be approved by the committee headed by District Collector after a detailed analysis.

Providing details of the essential items in the state, the Secretary said, “ 46 lakh liters of milk has been distributed. 71,080 quintals of vegetables and 7662 quintals of fruits are available in the state.”
