Subject: Standard Operating Procedure for regulating activities in construction sectors - regarding.


Dated: 16.04.2020

1) Whereas, the Government of India vide its Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 read with order of even number dated 15.04.2020, has notified measures for lockdown all over the country w.e.f. 25th March, 2020, till 3rd May, 2020; and

2) Whereas, accordingly, the Deputy Commissioners, in their capacity as the Chairpersons of District Disaster Management Authorities, have issued orders for enforcing lockdown in their respective districts since 25th March, 2020, to be in force till 3rd May, 2020; and

3) Whereas, consequent upon Government of India’s decision to allow some select additional activities, it has been felt necessary to lay down certain instructions/Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to facilitate the functioning of these activities while observing norms of social distancing.

4) Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred upon me, in my capacity as the Chairperson of State Executive Committee, under Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the instructions annexed with this order are notified as the SOP to be followed for taking up select activities in construction sector.

(B. V. R. Subrahmanyan)  
Chief Secretary  
Chairperson, State Executive Committee

No. DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020  

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Sub: Guidelines / SOP for resumption of construction activities during the lockdown period by the construction departments.

1. Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide order No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 15th of April 2020 has allowed construction activities to be operated during the lockdown period w.e.f. 20-04-2020.

2. Whereas, in order to resume the construction activities in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir strictly in terms of the above referred order, the following course of action to be adopted by the field functionaries/executing agencies of all construction departments/agencies:

   i. The concerned Executive Engineer shall identify the works to be resumed during the lockdown period. A list of such projects/works shall be shared with the concerned district magistrates.

   ii. The concerned Executive Engineers will prepare the list of the required machinery and equipments to be deployed at the identified construction sites/works and same shall be submitted to the concerned District Magistrates permission for its movement/operation.

   iii. If required, the concerned Executive Engineers shall also workout the requirement of the raw material and its transportation from the source to the site of the construction with details of the vehicles and drivers to be deployed with the concerned DMs for permission of transportation of such material.

   iv. The concerned Executive Engineer in consultation with the concerned contractors shall workout the reasonable requirement of the labour to carry out the construction activities of identified works/projects. The list of the labour required to be mobilized with full detail from end to end shall be submitted to the concerned District Magistrates for issue of one time passes for intra/inter district mobilization.

   v. The concerned Executive Engineers shall also provide the list of the minimum Engineering/supervisory staff required with full particulars and same shall be submitted to the concerned DMs for issuance of passes in their favour.
vi. All district and field level authorities would ensure
   a) maintenance of social distancing,
   b) use of protective face covers/masks
   c) Repeated washing of hands with soap and water themselves
      and by workers.

vi. In construction projects in municipal limits, the labour/construction
    workers shall have to stay at the construction site (inside). The
    concerned contractor in coordination with the Executive Engineer
    shall make sufficient arrangement for their stay, providing of
    masks/sanitation to the labourers and keep the social distance
    norms in place while carrying on the construction works.

vii. In construction projects in rural areas, the labour has to stay in the
     areas adjoining the construction site. There shall be no huge scale
     daily movement of labourers/long distances. The contractor in
     consultation with Engineering staff shall make arrangement for their
     stay, providing of masks/sanitation to the labourers and keep the
     social distance norms in place while carrying the construction
     works.

viii. Utmost care shall be taken by the concerned Engineers/contractors
     for meeting the social distancing norms issued by the concerned
     DMs by the construction worker/labourers at the construction sites.

ix. All the construction departments/agencies shall adopt the Standard
    Operating Procedure for social distancing as well as sanitization
    adhering to the instruction issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs,
    Govt of India and by the UT Government /District Magistrates from
    time to time.

x. The Chief Engineers/oficers nominated by the other departments,
    shall monitor the resumption of the construction activities from the
    notified date as per the guidelines.