



## **MHA guidelines relating to extension of lockdown**

The Government of India has, by an order issued on 14 April 2020, extended the lockdown measures for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country up to 3 May 2020. In pursuance of the said order, the Ministry of Home Affairs on 15 April 2020 issued consolidated revised guidelines regarding lockdown measures ("Guidelines"). The Guidelines, amongst others, prescribe National Directives for COVID-19 management, SOPs for social distancing at offices, workplaces, factories and establishments as well as penalties for violation of lockdown measures under relevant sections of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Indian Penal Code, 1860.

However, in order to mitigate hardship to the public, select activities would be allowed effective from 20 April 2020. These activities include:

- (a) health care services,
- (b) agricultural and related activities (including farming operations by farmers, fisheries, operations of tea, coffee and rubber plantations, animal husbandry),
- (c) financial sector activities (including, RBI and RBI regulated financial markets, IRDAI and insurance companies, SEBI and capital and debt market services notified by SEBI), and
- (d) online teaching and distance learning etc.

Additionally, certain commercial and industrial establishments will also be allowed to work effective from 20 April 2020. These establishments include, amongst others, e-commerce companies, courier services, print and electronic media including broadcasting and DTH and cable services, IT and IT enabled services (at 50% strength), cold storage and warehousing services, and private security agencies.

Further, construction activities (including construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs, in rural areas, all kinds of projects in industrial estates, construction of renewable energy projects) will also be allowed effective from 20 April 2020.

However, these additional activities would be operationalized by States/ Union Territories (UTs)/ District Administrations based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines on lockdown measures. States/ UTs/ District Administrations would need to ensure that all arrangements with regard to social distancing in offices, workplaces, factories and establishments, and other sectoral requirements are in place.

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