



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department. COVID 19 - Lock down in the State from 8th May 2021 - Ensure the availability of Vegetables , Fertilizers , Seeds and Pesticides in the State - Issue of guidelines- reg.

AGRICULTURE(AGRI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.406/2021/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 10/05/2021

Read 1 GO(Rt)No.404/2021/DMD dated 06/05/2021

2 Letter No TF(1)3950/21 dated 06/05/2021 from Director of Agriculture

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, lock down has been declared in the entire State of Kerala from 8th to 16th May 2021 for strict implementation as a regulatory measure to contain the spread of Covid 19, prescribing regulations and measures during the same period.

As per the letter read as 2nd paper above Director of Agriculture has requested to issue Government Order for ensuring smooth availability of essential commodities in the State during the lock down period by abiding the common restrictions relates to Covid 19. Further MD , HortiCorp has also requested to exempt them from lock down restrictions so as to ensure smooth movement of vegetables as per the direction of Government during the lock down period .

Government have examined the matter in detail. In the G.O read as 1 st paper above it is stated that "Agricultural, horticultural, fisheries,

plantation and animal husbandry activities shall be permitted with minimum movement of persons. Procurement and marketing of perishable agricultural commodities shall be permitted" . Therefore , by abiding the common restrictions relating to Covid 19 issued as per GO read as 1st paper above, the following further directions are issued to ensure the availability of Vegetables and Fruits in the state and to ensure the continuous movement of Fertilizers, Seeds and Pesticides which are essential commodities to protect the crops in the State during the lock down period.

1) All major Fertilizers , Seeds and Pesticides suppliers in Kerala should make necessary arrangement to ensure continuous supply of Fertiliser/Seeds/Pesticides in the state through their dealer network by using the service of minimum staff.

2)The Fertilizers/ permitted Pesticides should be supplied to the dealer point by the respective firms with minimum staff and by abiding the rules in the State related to the prevention of propagation of Covid 19.

3)All Fertilizer/Pesticide dealer shops should be open from 7 am to 11am and the buyers should be advised to maintain minimum separation of 1 meter while purchasing/distributing fertilizers, pesticides and seeds. The dealers should provide hand sanitizer and ensure hand sanitization by the buyers before purchase. All measures to break the chain shall be adopted by the buyer and seller.

4) All vehicles carrying the fertilizers, pesticides and seeds and all vehicles of HORTICORP and VFPCCK carrying vegetables and fruits shall be allowed to move during the lock down period.

The above orders take immediate effect and shall be adhered to strictly.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

Additional Chief Secretary , Home department

State Police Chief

Principal Secretary, Revenue

The Director of Agriculture

The Registrar of Co Operative Societies

All District Collectors

All District Police Superintendent

All Principal Agriculture officers

CEO, VFPCK Ernakulam

MD, HORTICORP

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