

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 24th April, 2020

ORDER

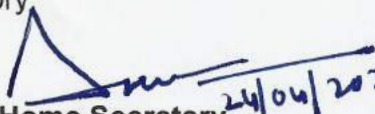
In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 15th April, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby orders the following amendments in the consolidated revised guidelines for strict implementation by Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities:

Modifications

- I. In Sub-clause 1 (x), the term 'shopping complexes' *is replaced with* 'market complexes within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities'.

Inclusions

- I. Sub-clause (xiii) & (xiv) under Clause 14 on Commercial and private establishments:
- xiii. All shops registered under the the Shops and Establishment Act of the respective State/UT, including shops in residential complexes and market complexes, except shops in multi-brand and single brand malls, ***outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities***, with 50% strength of workers with wearing of masks and social distancing being mandatory.
- xiv. All shops, including neighborhood shops and standalone shops, shops in residential complexes, ***within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities***, registered under the the Shops and Establishment Act of the respective State/UT, except shops in market complexes and multi-brand and single brand malls, with 50% strength of workers with wearing of masks and social distancing being mandatory


Home Secretary 24/04/2020

To

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories
(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

Ministry of Home Affairs

Press Release

Clarification on MHA order allowing opening of shops

Ministry of Home Affairs issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 24th April, 2020 on amendments in the consolidated revised guidelines on lock down measures to allow opening of shops.

2. This Order implies that:
 - a. In *rural areas*, all shops, except those in shopping malls are allowed to open.
 - b. In *urban areas*, *all standalone shops, neighbourhood shops & shops in residential complexes are allowed to open*. Shops in markets/ market complexes and shopping malls are *not* allowed to open.
3. It is clarified that sale by E-commerce companies will continue to be permitted for essential goods only.
4. It is further clarified that sale of liquor and other items continues to be prohibited as specified in the National Directives for COVID-19 management.

NOTE: As specified in the consolidated revised guidelines, *these shops will not be permitted to open in areas*, whether rural or urban, which are declared as containment zones by respective States/ UTs.