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From

Pradeep Jena, IAS Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

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All Collectors

Sub: Provision of food for Sick, Indigent and Destitutes in Rural Areas due to lock-down to prevent spread of COVID-19

Sir,

It has come to the notice of the Government that due to lock-down in the state to prevent spread of COVID-19, many sick, indigent and destitute persons in rural areas are not able to get their food. Hence, in order to avoid any starvation, the Government has decided to provide cooked food to all such persons through free kitchen or otherwise once a day around noon with effect from 29th March 2020 till 14th April, 2020 at an expenditure of Rs.30 per person per day.

You are, therefore, requested to take immediate action to identify all sick, indigent, destitute persons and other people without food in rural areas (GP-wise) and make arrangements to provide hot cooked meal to them. The BDOs may take up the work through the Gram Panchayat, who shall utilize the services of WSHGs for the same. The BDOs are authorised to organise food up to 100 persons per Gram Panchayat. However, in case, there are more such people in a GP, he may specifically order for additional number giving due justification.

The food should be cooked at some place(s) through SHGs maintaining due hygiene and delivered to such persons. Prescribed norms of social distancing shall be strictly observed while preparing/ distributing the food. Taking food at one place by all beneficiaries is not allowed.

The provision of food as mentioned above will start from 29th March, 2020 without fail. The required funds for the purpose will be placed with you from SDRF in due course. Pending receipt of funds, the Collectors/ BDOs are authorised to incur expenditure from available funds under any scheme.

Yours faithfully,

28/03/2020

Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

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28/03/2020

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