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### CM: Shops and small businesses to resume from 26th April, 2020

Chief Minister of the state Mr. Vijay Rupani has taken a major decision to provide relief to small shop and business owners in the state amidst the lockdown.

Providing details of the decision of CM, Secretary to CM Mr. Ashwani Kumar said, "The Chief Minister has decided that all shops and small businesses which fall outside containment zones can resume from 26th April, 2020. These shops and businesses are subject to certain terms and conditions. They can only use 50% of their staff for the time being. Moreover, they are required to follow the necessary safety measures and maintain social distancing. However, malls and complexes shall remain closed until further notice. Apart from that, barber shops, tea stalls, tobacco shops, restaurants and hotels shall also remain closed.

Other shops and businesses, except those mentioned above, falling under the Gumastadhara of Shops and Establishment can resume. In addition to that, all those areas declared as containment zones by the regional administration shall be restricted from opening shops and businesses.

The shop owners are not required to obtain any special permission. The license obtained by them under the Gumastadhara shall be considered valid.

I.T and ITES industries have also been granted permission to resume their work with 50% staff and adequate safety measures. However, these offices should not fall under containment zones.

Market management committees whose tenure for operation has expired or those whose tenure will get expired by 31st July, 2020 have been given an extension till 31st July, 2020. In addition to that, the elections for market management committees shall be carried in accordance with the dates provided by the court.

The state government has started the distribution of 3.5 kg wheat and 1.5 kg rice to 66 lakh NFSA card holders. Around 4.5 lakh people have availed its benefits till date.

5 lakh 59 thousand quintals of farm produce has been sold at APMCs in Gujarat. 2 lakh 99 thousand quintals of wheat, 1 lakh 55 thousand quintals of castor and 30658 quintals of mustard occupy a major portion of the produce sold.

48.80 lakh liters of milk has been sold in the state. 1 lakh 14 thousand 657 quintals of vegetables and 5054 quintals of fruits are available in the market.

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