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COVID-19 Lockdown Circulars Index

A. Central Circulars

1. Corporate and Governance

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	1 May 2020	Click Here	Lockdown measures to continue to remain in force up for a period of 2 weeks from 4 May 2020 and guidelines for operation of services as per respective zone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown measures to remain in force for until 2 weeks from 4 May 2020. • Areas are to be classified into red, orange, and green zones and containment areas will be demarcated within red and orange zones. • Prohibited/restricted activities across the country as well as those in the abovementioned zones set out • Subject to restrictions in containment areas, private offices can remain open with upto 33% strength, with remaining working from home. • Employers permitted to operate as per the circular are required to follow directives laid out. • Subject to restrictions in containment areas, activities permitted under the previous lockdown circular without a movement pass, to continue in the same manner.
2.	30 April 2020	Click Here	Information on identifying areas in need of critical intervention and classifying them as green zones, orange zones, and red zones based on prevalence of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying areas in need of critical intervention and necessary actions to be taken for containment zones. • Classification of all districts as red, orange and green zones on the basis of number of COVID-19 cases detected in the areas. • List of the classification of districts. • The list shall be dynamic in nature, it will be reviewed and revised as the situation develops.

3.	29 April 2020	Click Here	Guidelines for movement of certain persons between states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order issued allowing state authorities to develop SOPs for movement of students, migrant workers, pilgrims, and tourists between states.
4.	24 April 2020	Click Here	Addendum to Guidelines issued on 15 th April and further exemptions to certain services from the lockdown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standalone shops, neighbourhood shops, shops in residential complexes registered under Shops and Establishments Act of respective State/Ut are allowed to operate with 50 % strength of workers, wearing masks and following mandatory social distancing measures. Clarification on the same was issued and can be accessed here: - https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1618078.
5.	23 April 2020	Click Here	Clarification on liability of CEO for not complying with SOPs while operating their premises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clarification dismisses wrong interpretation of MHA guidelines regarding legal action against and imprisonment of a CEO in case a COVID-19 positive employee is found in factory. It reiterates that exempted workplaces, industries, and commercial establishments should follow guidelines and prescribed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
6.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Addendum to Guidelines issued on 15 th April by Ministry of Home Affairs and exemption to certain services from the lockdown.	<p>Following to be included in the exemptions to the consolidated guidelines of 15 April 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under agriculture and horticultural activities – Facilities for export/import; inspection and treatment facilities for seeds and horticultural practices; research establishments; inter and intra state movement of planting materials, For commercial and private establishments- shops of educational books for students; shops of electric fans, Sign on and sign off of Indian seafarers at Indian ports and their movements, as per SOP enclosed with the amendment, Forest plantation and related activities.

7.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Clarification with respect to exempted services to the lockdown.	<p>Subject to compliance with SOP for social distancing, the following activities are to be permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption for the social sector includes bed side attendants and care givers of senior citizens residing in their homes. • Exemption for public utilities include recharge facilities for prepaid mobile connection. • Exemption for supply of essential goods includes food processing units such as bread factories, milk processing plants, flour mills, dal mills etc. located in urban areas.
8.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Standard Operating Procedure for Sign on and Sign off of Indian Seafarers at ports and their movements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Operating Procedure has been formulated to streamline sign-on/sign-off Indian seafarers at ports for merchant shipping vessels. • Guidelines for the same have been enlisted in the SOP.
9.	19 April 2020	Click Here	SOP on movement of migrant workers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the consolidated guidelines certain activities will be permitted in non-containment zones from April 20, 2020. Migrant workers may be engaged in such permitted activities subject to the guidelines set out in the SOP.
10.	19 April 2020	Click Here	Clarification on the operation of e-commerce services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clarification issued that e-commerce companies can continue to operate for essential goods as has been allowed earlier and is continued to be allowed. E-commerce for non-essential items continues to be prohibited under the consolidated guidelines.
11.	19 April 2020	Click Here	Instructions issued on enforcement of consolidated guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ministry has drawn the attention of the state government to Clauses 4 (i) and (ii) of the consolidated guidelines and requested for their strict enforcement. States may impose stricter measures but cannot dilute the consolidated guidelines.
12.	16 April 2020	Click Here	Inclusion of additional permitted activities to the consolidated lockdown guidelines dated April 15, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions made to list of permitted activities under 'All Agricultural and horticultural activities', 'Plantations', 'Financial Sector' and 'construction activities in rural areas'.
13.	15 April 2020	Click Here	Lockdown measures will continue to remain in force up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential services to remain functional. Select additional activities will be allowed, which will come into effect on 20

			to 3 May 2020, except in certain cases.	April 2020 except in containment zones notified by states/ UTs/ district administrators.
14.	29 March 2020	Click Here	Order to restrict movement of migrant labour and prevent violation of lockdown	Order to restrict movement of migrant labour and prevent violation of lockdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Governments/UT to ensure adequate arrangements of temporary shelters, food etc for the poor and needy, including migrant labour. • All employers, including industry and shops & commercial establishments are to make payment of wages to the workers for the period of lockdown of the establishment. • Landlords where such workers reside, including migrant, are not to demand rent for the period of one month.
15.	26 March 2020	Click Here	Pursuant to the lockdown guidelines issued on 24 March 2020, the Indian government issued a standard operating procedure (“SOP”) to maintain the supply of essential goods.	In the SOP, the government has (<i>inter alia</i>) ordered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppliers of essential goods, facilities for storage of such goods, transporters and manufacturing units be allowed to operate (even if they store non-essential items), • All facilities operating must ensure strict social distancing, engaging of bare minimum staff, regular health and sanitation checks, and provision of protective gear to employees, • All facilities must be registered with the state government/ union territory under the Shops and Establishment regime.
16.	24 March 2020 Amended on 25 March, 27 March, 2 April, 3 April, and 10 April 2020	Click Here	Order of Lockdown and Guidelines issued on measures to be taken by ministries and local governments	Guidelines on measures to be taken by ministries and local governments have been issued, which includes measures on lockdown on all private establishments/factories and the exceptions to the same.

2. Labour and Employment

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1.	2 April 2020	Click Here	Status report on actions taken in response to Covid-19 issued by the Chief Labour Commissioner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validity of licenses granted under the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1979 and the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 are extended upto 31 May 2020 for licenses due to be renewed in March, April & May 2020 • Distress calls received from employees in the country are forwarded to regional heads to take up issues with concerned principal employers/ contractors/ private enterprises etc. • Regional labour authorities advised to reach out to all principal employers and major contractors to advise them on timely payment of wages without deductions for the lockdown period, providing workers with food & shelter - especially migrant workers and also not to retrench them. • Various examples of punitive action taken against non-compliant power companies in Gujarat and Spice Jet provided as precedents.
2.	30 March 2020	Click Here	Advisory to refrain from terminating employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers are advised to not terminate services of employees, especially casual or contractual workers, or reduce the wages of such staff. • Employees on leave must be treated as continuing in employment. • If office premises are made non-operational due to COVID-19, then employees must be deemed to be continuing in employment.
3.	23 March 2020	Click Here	Advisory to refrain from terminating employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers are advised to not terminate services of employees, especially casual or contractual workers, or reduce the wages of such staff. • Employees on leave must be treated as continuing in employment. • If office premises are made non-operational due to COVID-19, then employees must be deemed to be continuing in employment.

4.	20 March 2020	Click Here	Advisory to refrain from terminating employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers are advised to not terminate services of employees, especially casual or contractual workers, or reduce the wages of such staff. • Employees on leave must be treated as continuing in employment. • If office premises are made non-operational due to COVID-19, then employees must be deemed to be continuing in employment.
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3. New and Renewable Energy

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1.	26 March 2020	Click Here	Permits and waivers issued for Renewable Energy Generating Stations (REGS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to ensure smooth and uninterrupted power flow across and within states measures have been issued such as -transportation permits for REGS staff, waiver from Section 144, ensuring availability of equipment and materials required, allowing round the clock mobilization of staff.

4. Shipping

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	23 March 2020	Click Here	Order declaring “transport service for carriage of goods by water and any service connected with loading, unloading, movement or storage of goods in any port are essential service”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order declaring “transport service for carriage of goods by water and any service connected with loading, unloading, movement or storage of goods in any port are essential service” and ensuring uninterrupted port operation.

5. Disaster Management

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Order issued for Government of India, State Governments, State Authorities and other concerned authorities to take steps to ensure social distancing measures in India.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empowering Central & State Government, State Authorities to take measures to ensure social distancing in India.• Ensuring maintenance of essential services and supplies, including health infrastructure.• Issuing of necessary guidelines in this regard.• Measures to be in force for a period of 21 says w.e.f. 25 March 2020.

a. Lockdown Relaxations and Instructions – Central

1. Commerce and Industry

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Revision of timelines for Sunset Review Investigation (SSR) for Anti-dumping Duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 270 days' time limit for filing SSR application prior to expiry of measure has been further relaxed up to 180 days. It may be further relaxed to 120 days on discretion of the designated authority.
2.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Curbing opportunistic takeovers/acquisitions during the outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced that investments by entities from or citizens of countries sharing a land border with India will now be subject to governmental approval. Previously only investments from Bangladesh and Pakistan were specifically regulated.
3.	15 April 2020	Click Here	SOPs for regulating activities of special economic zones (SEZs) and export oriented units (EOUs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the consolidated guidelines, SEZs and EOUs that will be allowed to operate with effect from 20 April 2020 (except in Containment Cones). Such SEZs and EOUs will be required to continue their operations in accordance with the SOP which requires such entities to ensure transport, medical insurance, social distancing, etc.
4.	11 April 2020	Click Here	Press release on Relaxations/Extensions of various compliance deadlines relating to exporters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sets out extensions and deadlines of various compliances pertaining to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign trade policy Special Economic Zone Units Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Tobacco Board Tea Board

				<p>g) Marine Products Export Development Authority</p> <p>h) Director General Trade Remedies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures taken up by Government e-marketplace to facilitate procurement and by the department of commerce to facilitate preferential exports have also been enlisted therein.
5.	7 April 2020	Click Here	Extension of one-time condonation under Export Promotion Capital Goods until 31 March 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of one time condonation under Export Promotion Capital Goods until 31 March 2021.
6.	4 April 2020	Click Here	Press release announces extension of foreign trade policy (FTP) by one year and other relief measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current FTP shall be extended till 31 March 2021 Extensions under various schemes and exemptions.
7.	30 March 2020	Click Here	Press release on the Relaxations on compliances to be met by units / developers / codevelopers/ of Special Economic Zones (SEZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relaxations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SOFTEX form to be filled by IT/ITES units b) Filing of Annual Performance Units (APR) by SEZ units c) Extension of Letters of Approvals in cases as specified in the release.

2. Corporate Affairs

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Clarification on holding annual general (AGM) meeting for companies whose financial year ended on 31 December 2019.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies are required to hold their AGM within a period of 6 months from the closure of financial year and not later than a period of 15 months from the date of last AGM. Companies whose financial year ended on 31 December 2019 can hold their AGM for such financial year within a period nine months i.e. by 30th September 2020, and the same shall not be viewed as a violation.
2.	8 April 2020	Click Here	General Meetings through audio visual means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The circular allows Extra-ordinary General Meetings (“EGMs”) of shareholders to be convened through Audio Visual (“AV”) means to deal with unavoidable matters till June 30, 2020.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It details the requirements with respect to- (a) Notice; (b) Time of EGM; (c) Facilities to be ensured for conduction of EGM ; (d) Quorum; (e) Chairperson; (f) Proxy; (g) Voting; (h) Appointment of Auditor/Independent Director; (i) Institutional Investors; (j) Filing of resolutions A clarification on the same has been issued with respect to the mannerism of notices and facility of e-voting. The same can be accessed here: http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Circular17_13042020.pdf
3.	24 March 2020	Click Here	No additional late filing fees for eForm filed during 1 April to 30 September, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moratorium period from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 for filing pending eForms, document, return, statement etc., by Companies and LLPs. During this Moratorium Period, the Companies or LLPs are permitted to file eForms, eForms, document, return, statement etc. with the MCA after due date without payment of additional late filing fees. This may mean that the Companies or LLPs may be able to complete all pending filings during the Moratorium Period. The manner and detailed requirements of making these filings during Moratorium Period shall be separately issued by MCA.
4.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Gap between two consecutive board meetings extended to 180 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gap between two consecutive board meetings convened during the next 2 quarters, i.e. upto September 30, 2020 have now been extended to 180 days instead of 120 days. For example, if the board meeting of the Company is due to be held by March 31, 2020, the same can be held by May 30, 2020. However, the MCA has not relaxed the number of board meetings to be convened in each year.
5.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Applicability of Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 from FY 2020-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, Gap between two consecutive board meetings extended to 180 days 2020 ("CARO 2020") was notified by the MCA on February 25, 2020 in supersession of the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2016

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				<p>("CARO 2016"). CARO 2020 was originally applicable for statutory audits for the Financial Year 2019-20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicability of CARO 2020 is now applicable for statutory audit of Financial Year 2020-21 onwards and CARO 2016 continues to apply for statutory audits for Financial Year 2019-20.
6.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Relaxation of holding a meeting of Independent Directors in FY 2019-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Financial Year 2019-20 the requirement of holding 1 (one) board meeting by independent directors of the Company is waived off i.e. the Company is deemed to have complied with this requirement, even if the independent directors have not been able to hold such a meeting during Financial Year 2019-20.
7.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of period for creation of Deposit Repayment Reserve till June 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement of companies that have accepted deposits from its members to deposit 20% of the amount of its deposits has been extended till 30 June 2020.
8.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of period for investment/ deposit of amounts in lieu of maturing debentures till June 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement of companies that have issued secured debentures (other than those specifically exempted) to invest 15% of amount of debentures has been extended till 30 June 2020.
9.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of filing of eForm INC-20A by newly incorporated companies by additional 180 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement to file eForm INC 20-A with the registrar within 180 days of incorporation has been extended by an additional 180 days.
10.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Relaxation of having at least 1 resident director in FY 2019-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement to have at least 1 director who stays in India for a total period of not less than 182 days during the financial year has been relaxed for the Financial Year 2019-20.
11.	23 March 2020	Click Here	CSR funds may be used for COVID-19 relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCA have clarified that the expenditure for relief of COVID-19 shall be considered as expenditure toward CSR as activities constituting promotion of health care, including preventive health care and disaster management. Clarification with respect to this has been issued stating that contribution to PM Cares fund is eligible as CSR but contribution

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				to state relief fund / Chief Minister relief fund will not be eligible. It also details other such related clarifications. The same can be accessed here: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1613404 .
12.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Threshold of default under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The threshold of default under IBC has been raised to Rs 1 crore (from the existing threshold of Rs 1 lakh) in order to prevent triggering of insolvency proceedings against MSMEs.
13.	19 March 2020	Click Here	Board meetings through Audio-Visual (AV) means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until 30 June 2020, the MCA has permitted the board of directors to approve certain matters, that were erstwhile allowed to be approved at physical meetings only, by way of meetings held through AV means. These matters include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of annual financial statements, Approval of board's report, Approval of prospectus, Audit committee meeting for considering financial statements, and Approval of matters related to amalgamation, merger, demerger, acquisition and takeover. In this regard, the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Amendment Rules, 2020 have been amended as well and are detailed in the circular.
14.	29 March 2020	Click Here	Non-inclusion of lockdown period in corporate insolvency resolution process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The period of lockdown shall not be counted for the purposes of timeline for any activity that cannot be completed in relation to corporate insolvency resolution process.

3. Labour and Employment

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1.	13 April 2020	Click Here	Extension of Relaxation of deadline with respect to contributions payable under the Employee's State Insurance Scheme ("ESIC") for the months of February 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESI Contributions payable for the month of February 2020 can now be filed and paid up to 15 May 2020 instead of earlier extended period of 15 April 2020.
2.	10 April 2020	Click Here	Scheme with guidelines for the implementation credit of employee's & employer's share of Employee Provident Fund ("EPF") & Employee's Pension Scheme ("EPS") contributions (24% of wages) by Government of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme is to implement the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana's package for credit of employee's and employer's share of EPF & EPS contributions (24% of wages) for three months by Govt. of India. Employers are not supposed to deduct employee's share of EPF contributions for the validity period of scheme; Filing of forms and ECR in accordance with the instructions listed in the scheme.
5.	27 March 2020	Click Here	EPF Scheme allows withdrawal of non-refundable advance to EPF member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notification permits withdrawal of upto the amount of basic wages and dearness allowance for 3 months or upto 75% of the amount standing to member's credit in the EPF account, whichever is less.
6.	20 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of filing of Unified annual return under 8 Labour laws for the year 2019 up to 30 April 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filing of Unified annual returns for the year 2019 under 8 Acts and 10 central rules to be filed from 1 January to 1 February 2020 has been extended up to 30 April 2020.
7.	20 March 2020	Click Here	Relaxation provided in filing all returns, notices and other forms required under the Mines Act, 1952.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation is provided in filing all returns, notices and other forms due for submission in the month of March and April of 2020, for a period of 1 month from the respective due dates.
8.	16 March 2020	Click Here	Relaxation of regulations with respect to contributions payable under the Employee's State Insurance Scheme ("ESI") for the months of February & March 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESI contributions payable for the month of February & March 2020 can be filed up to 15 April and 15 May 2020 instead of 15 March and 15 April 2020, respectively.

4. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	30 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of period Payment of stipend to trade apprentice during period of lockdown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of period of apprentice for a period equal to the period of lockdown • Payment of stipend during the period of said lockdown or for a maximum period of 6 months, whichever is less.

5. Finance

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	24 March 2020	Click Here	Relief measures announced by the Finance Ministry relating to statutory and regulatory compliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-month relaxations for- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Debit cardholders to withdraw cash for free from any other banks' ATM for 3 months b) Waiver of minimum balance fee c) Reduced bank charges for digital trade transactions for all trade finance consumers
2.	26 March 2020	Click Here	Relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana to help the poor in response to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various subsidies, insurance cover, assistance for the poor and effected by Coronavirus.

6. Consumer Affairs

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	26 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of period for verification and stamping of weights and measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period of extension of 3 months (to subsequent quarter) for verification and stamping of weights and measures • Relaxation of 3 months on additional fees payable by the users of weights and measures for re-verification, due to expiry of stamp on postponement of re- verification.

2.	20 March 2020	Click Here	Exemption to e-commerce operations from prohibitory orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption to e-commerce operations (warehousing & logistic facilities and services), wholesalers, vendors and third-party delivery partners from any type of prohibitory orders, issued under Section 144 Cr.P.C by state governments and from orders mandating closures.
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7. New and Renewable Energy

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Time extension in scheduled commission of Renewable energy (RE) projects considering disruption due to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of time to Renewable Energy (RE) projects for the period lockdown, plus 30 days after end of such lockdown. This shall be a blanket extension and no evidence for such extension will be required. Treatment of lockdown due to COVID-19 as Force Majeure by all RE implementing agencies. State RE Departments may also consider the extension and said period as Force Majeure
2.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Instructions regarding invoicing of joint meter regarding during lockdown period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructions regarding invoicing of joint meter reading during lockdown period to ensure timely payments to Renewable Energy generators.
3.	20 March 2020	Click Here	Time extension in scheduled commissioning date of Renewable energy projects considering disruption of supply chains due to Covid-19 as Force Majeure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment of delay as Force Majeure Suitable grant of extensions for projects on account of disruption of supply chains Developers claiming such disruption and desirous of extension to make application as prescribed in the circular State Renewable Energy Departments also requested to treat such delay on account of disruption of supply chains as Force Majeure.

8. Power

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	28 March 2020	Click Here	Reduction in payment security and extensions for power sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment security to be reduced by 50% by the distribution companies with the generating companies till 30 June 2020 • Three moratorium to discoms to make payments to generating companies and transmission licensees and no penalty rates of late payment surcharge.

9. Coal

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	9 April 2020	Click Here	Coal India Limited extends Usance Letter of Credit Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Usance Letter of Credit to power sector consumers for payment of coal instead of cash advance for the fuel supply. • Agreements (FSA), to improve working capital cycle of the generators.

10. Civil Aviation

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	3 April 2020	Click Here	Extension of validity of approvals and licenses/authorizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of various approvals and licenses / authorizations issued under Aircraft Rules, 1937
2.	3 April 2020	Click Here	Issue/ extension of Airworthiness Review Certificate (ARC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue / extension of Airworthiness Review Certificate (ARC) as per specified in the circular.

11. Environment and Climate Change

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1.	27 March 2020	Click Here	Extension of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances expiring between 15 March 2020 and 30 April 2020, till 30 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of the validity period of Environmental Clearances expiring 15 March 2020 and 30 April 2020, till 30 June 2020 provided that such project or activity is permissible to be carried out as per other relevant extant laws & regulation during the period of such extension.
2.	25 March 2020	Click Here	All projects or activities related to bulk drugs and intermediates manufactured for addressing ailments such as COVID-19 and those with similar symptoms have been categorized as 'B2' for a period up to the 30th September 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All projects or activities related to bulk drugs and intermediates manufactured for addressing ailments such as COVID-19 and those with similar symptoms have been categorized as 'B2' for a period up to the 30 September 2020. They shall not be required to submit an Environment Impact Assessment report for the given time period.

12. Reserve Bank of India

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	27 April 2020	Click Here	50,000 crore Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds (SLF-MF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds available under SLF-MF shall be used by banks exclusively for meeting the liquidity requirements of MFs by (1) extending loans, and (2) undertaking outright purchase of and/or repos against the collateral of investment grade corporate bonds, commercial papers (CPs), debentures and certificates of Deposit (CDs) held by MFs. Under the SLF-MF, the RBI shall conduct repo operations of 90 days tenor at the fixed repo rate. The scheme is available till May 11, 2020 or up to utilization of the allocated amount, whichever is earlier. Details of the facility are enlisted in the annex of the press release.
2.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Additional measures by Reserve Bank of India ("RBI")	Measures for liquidity management and regulatory measures (such as those relating to asset classification, extension of resolution timeline, distribution of

				dividend, liquidity coverage ratio etc.) are proposed to support banking functions. a)
3.	27 March 2020	Click Here	Covid-19 regulatory package issued by the RBI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All commercial banks, financial institutions, Non-Banking Financial Institutions, co-operative banks are permitted to grant a moratorium of three months on payment of all instalments falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020 in respect of all term loans. • In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned in the form of cash credit/overdraft, lending institutions are being permitted to allow a deferment of three months on payment of interest in respect of all such facilities outstanding as on 1 March 2020. • The rescheduling of payments, including interest, will not qualify as a default for the purposes of supervisory reporting and reporting to Credit Information Companies (CICs) by the lending institutions.
4.	27 March 2020	Click Here	Development and Regulatory measures taken by Reserve Bank of India	<p>Some measures announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquidity Measures- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)- Reduce the cash reserve ratio (CRR) of all banks by 100 basis points to 3.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) with effect from the reporting fortnight beginning 28 March 2020, available up to 26 March 2021. • Regulation and Supervision- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Deferment of Implementation of Net Stable Funding Ratio – NSFR, required to be introduced by banks in India from 1 April 2020, has now

				<p>been decided to defer the implementation of NSFR by six months to 1 October 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Markets- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Permitting Banks to Deal in Offshore Non-deliverable Rupee derivative Markets (Offshore Rupee NDF Markets) - banks in India which operate International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Banking Units (IBUs) are being allowed to participate in the NDF market with effect from 1 June 2020
5.	16 March 2020	Click Here	Indicative list of operational and Business continuity measures to be taken up by Companies in response to COVID-19, issued by RBI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devising strategy to contain the same within the organization and spread awareness. Reviewing 'Business Continuity Plan' (BCP) with the aim of continuity in critical interfaces and prevention disruption of services Companies to encourage their customers to use digital banking facilities Assess impact on their balance sheet, liquidity, asset quality etc.

13. Insurance

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	8 April 2020	Click Here	IRDAI permits insurers to grant a moratorium of three months towards payment of instalments falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurers are permitted to grant moratorium of three months towards payment of instalments falling due between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020 for term loans. Repayment schedule for such loans will be shifted across the board by three months subsequent to the moratorium period.

14. Information and Broadcasting

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
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1.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Relaxation of six weeks from due dates in respect of submission of monthly and quarterly reports by Telecom Regulation Authority of India.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relaxation of six weeks from due dates in respect of submission of monthly and quarterly reports for the period ending 31 March 2020 for all telecom service providers.
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15. Shipping

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Extension to the validity of seafarer's Certificate of Competency (CoC), statutory certificates, audits, and periodical surveys of Indian registered ships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directorate of shipping will consider extensions of surveys/audits/inspections, beyond the period permitted by International Maritime Organization convention. • Waive off processing fees for all such extensions for a limited period. • Conditions for extensions of surveys is listed in the circular. • After restoration of normalcy, it is the responsibility to bring back ship to normal survey/audit cycle.
2.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Extension of validity of sanitation certificate for all Indian registered vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of validity of sanitation certificate for all Indian registered vessels upto 30 June 2020.

16. Defense

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	16 April 2020	Click Here	Extending the date for Request for proposals (RFPs) and Expression of Interest (EOI)s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the date for Request for proposals (RFPs) and Expression of Interest (EOI) for capital acquisition cases due between March 2020 - May 2020 to June 1, 2020
2.	15 April 2020	Click Here	Date for sending comments and suggestions on Defence Procurement Procedure 2020 extended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations/Suggestions/Comments solicited on the Draft Defence Procurement Procedure have been extended till May 8, 2020 from April 17, 2020 in view of lockdown of business due to COVID-19.

17. Electronics & Information Technology

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	16 April 2020	Click Here	Rental waivers to the small IT units operating out of the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)	Rental waiver to the units housed in STPI premises in the country from 01.03.2020 till 30.06.2020 i.e. for 4 months period as of now.

18. Civil Aviation

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	29 April	Click Here	Measures for the CAR-145 Approved Organizations to deal with COVID-19 crisis regarding the management of the CAR-145 Approval	Measures for maintenance of facilities and extension for calibration due date for CAR-145 approved organizations.

b. Lockdown Relaxations and Instructions – State

1. Haryana

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	30 April 2020	Click Here	Haryana MSME revival interest benefit scheme to assist MSMEs for payment of wages.	As per the press release for the same: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under this scheme, all the MSME units working in Haryana as on or before March 15, 2020, will be eligible to 100 percent interest benefit on loans availed for payment of the wages of employees or other expenses upto a maximum of Rs. 20,000 per employee for a period of six months. The interest benefit shall be limited to the interest paid by the unit to the bank / financial institution up-to a period of six months.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The interest benefit shall be calculated at the interest rate of maximum 8 percent per annum or actual interest rate charged by the bank / financial institution on Term loan/ working capital loan whichever is lower. • Eligibility Criteria – Industrial Unit should have been in commercial production for at least 80 percent of days between February 1, 2020 and March 15, 2020; Unit should have led IEM/EM/UAM after coming into commercial production; should obtain or have obtained term loan / working capital loan from bank / financial institution during lockdown period within one month from the date of getting permission to restart or till June 30th whichever is later. •
2.	26 April 2020	Click Here	No permission required to operate for small residential/industrial construction sites employing upto 10 workers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No permission is required to operate for small residential/industrial construction sites employing upto 10 workers only within the limit of municipal corporation, rural areas. • Workers available on site are to be employed and are not required to be brought in from outside. • Standard operating measures applicable for the sites are to be implemented.
3.	19 April 2020	Click Here	Haryana order to exclude e-commerce companies & vehicles used by e-commerce for non-essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line subsequent orders of the MHA with regard to operations of e-Commerce in non-essential activities being excluded under the consolidated guidelines. The Haryana Government has issued further orders in line with above.
4.	19 April 2020	Click Here	Guidelines with list of prohibited and permitted activities in Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised consolidated guidelines issued on the measures taken for containment of COVID-19 in Haryana. The order allows select additional activities to be operationalized from 20 April 2020 in strict compliance with existing guidelines on social distancing. The relaxations do not apply to containment zones demarcated by the health department.

5.	7 April 2020	Click Here	Implementation of new online service to enable seeking approval regarding operations of Industries/Establishments during lockdown/curfew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a new service on “Saral Haryana Portal” for applications from Industries and establishments seeking approval to resume operations during Lockdown/curfew. • Process for the application can be accessed here.
6.	3 April 2020	Click Here	Relief on power consumption charges for Industries and Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consumption of 50kw is 50% or less by Industries & Businesses using big power connections, fixed charges of March 2020 and April 2020 will be waived off. • High Tension (HT) connections larger than 50kW, fixed charges upto a maximum limit of Rs.10,000 will be waived off.
7.	25 March 2020	Click Here	Financial Relief Package in response to COVID-19.	<p>Reliefs announced include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industries and commercial establishments advised not to terminate or retrench any employee for their absence in lockdown period. • No surcharge or interest on delayed electricity bill payments till 15 April 2020 by any domestic, commercial or small industrial consumer. • No surcharge or interest on delayed payment of water or sewage bills by due date, until 15 April 2020.
8.	25 March 2020	Click Here	Exempting E-commerce operators / retailers to operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption to E-commerce operators/retailers to operate during lockdown.

2. Maharashtra

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	2 May 2020	Click Here	Lockdown extension to 17 May 2020 in Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown to be extended upto 17 May 2020 • Guidelines to be observed for lockdown measures and permitted activities with specified restrictions.
2.	30 April 2020	Click Here	Exemption from payment of late fee u/s. 6(3) of the Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption of payment of late fee due to technical difficulties faced by employers. • Late fee payable by the registered employer in respect of monthly or annual returns pertaining to any periods up to

				<p>March 2020 and monthly period of April 2020, is exempted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility Criteria - Any amount payable (tax + interest) as per return should have been/shall be paid on or before the filing of returns; employers should submit the returns pertaining to any periods up to April 2020 on or before 31 May 2020.
3.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Amendment to guidelines issued on 17 th April.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxations issued under order on 17th April will not apply to Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Pune Metropolitan region. Position prevailing prior to issuance of 17th April order will be reinstated. E-commerce operator deliveries will only be permitted for essential commodities. Confectionaries, snacks, sweet shops will not be permitted to operate.
4.	20 April 2020	Click Here	Extension of annual filing of returns under Maharashtra Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Rules 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of annual filing of returns under Maharashtra Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Rules 2018 to 31 July 2020 from 1 March 2020.
5.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Instructions to delay postpone rent collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Maharashtra State Housing Department has issued instructions to landlords/ house owners to postpone rent collection by at least three months. During this period, no tenant should be evicted from the rented house due to non-payment of rent
6.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Guidelines with list of prohibited and permitted activities in Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised consolidated guidelines issued on the measures taken for containment of COVID-19 in Maharashtra. The order allows select additional activities to be operationalized from 20 April 2020 in strict compliance with existing guidelines on social distancing. The relaxations do not apply to containment zones demarcated by the district authorities.
7.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Moratorium on Electricity bill payments for three billing cycles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moratorium on payment of fixed charges of the electricity bill by consumers under Industrial and Commercial

				category for the three billing cycles beginning from the lockdown date 25 March 2020.
8.	31 March 2020	Click Here	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) extends validity period of consent to operate/authorization for a period of 4 months till 31 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPCB has extended the validity of consent to operate for all the units, who have a valid consent to operate up to 31 March, 2020 and have applied for a renewal /shall apply before 30 April 2020 for renewal will be extended for further period of four months i.e., till 31 July 2020 as an interim measure.

3. Karnataka

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	23 April 2020	Click Here	Self-declaration form for industries allowed to restart in rural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industries allowed to operate in the listed rural areas in the circular are to submit a self-declaration form to the concerned District industries centers. Format of the form is available in the annexure of the circular.
2.	22 April 2020	Click Here	The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Ordinance, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines and details provisions with respect to powers of government, prohibition of certain acts, offences under the ordinance etc.
3.	22 April 2020	Click Here	Guidelines with list of prohibited and permitted activities in Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised consolidated guidelines issued on the measures taken for containment of COVID-19 in Karnataka. The order allows select additional activities to be operationalized from 23 April 2020 in strict compliance with existing guidelines on social distancing. The relaxations do not apply to containment zones demarcated by the district authorities.
4.	20 April 2020	Click Here	Prohibitory order issued for Bengaluru City until 3 May 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibitory order under Section 144 of the CrPc issued for within the limits of Bengaluru City until 3 May 2020. Exceptions to the same are listed in the order and they are to take necessary precautions and adhere to social distancing measures. Persons violating the same will be

				proceeded against under applicable provisions of the Disaster Management Act , 2005 and Indian Penal Code.
5.	20 April 2020	Click Here	Declaration of Containment Zones in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward wise containment details are provided in the Order, along with the actions to be taken in the Containment Zones like implementing teams for Crisis Management Team, Special Health needs, Perimeter Control, Surveillance & Preventive, Solid Waste Management, Essentials, Buffer Zone management and Incident Command System with effect from midnight of 20th April, 2020.
6.	18 April 2020	Click Here	Relaxation of lockdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karnataka to continue compliance with consolidated guidelines in public interest. No relaxation of lockdown will be made with effect from 20 April 2020. Full lockdown will continue till midnight of 21 April 2020.
7.	18 April 2020	Click Here	Reconsideration of decision to relax lockdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision to allow free movement of two wheelers and permission to operated IT/ BT sector was been reconsidered. Movement of two wheelers will continue to be subject to lockdown restrictions. In the IT/BT sector, except for essential services, the order to work from home shall continue to apply.
8.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Strict action to be taken against non-compliant contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Labour Commissioner and Additional Secretary, Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board have been directed to take strict action against those who fail to provide basic facilities like food, shelter and medical facilities to their contract labour during the lockdown.

9.	3 April 2020	Click Here	Exemption to Industrial establishments requiring continuous process from the purview of ongoing lockdown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial establishments requiring continuous process have been exempted and allowed to operate during lockdown after obtaining requisite permissions. Exempted industries are – integrated steel plant; Petroleum refinery unit; Cement Plant; Fertilizer Plant; Pulp and Paper unit; Glass manufacturing unit; Coal Tar Distillation unit They are to follow preventive measures detailed in the annexure of the circular.
10.	3 April 2020	Click Here	Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) extends storage period of Hazardous Waste beyond 90 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karnataka State Pollution Control Board in its office order has permitted the occupier to store the Hazardous Waste, beyond 90 days. However, the occupier shall ensure that the hazardous waste is not allowed to store beyond 15 days after lifting of lockdown.
11.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Exempting industries supplying to Defense and Aerospace manufacturing from the purview of the lockdown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempting industries supplying to Defense and Aerospace manufacturing from the purview of the lockdown.
12.	26 March 2020	Click Here	Exempting E-commerce operators/retailers to operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption to E-commerce operators/retailers to operate during lockdown.

4. Telangana

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	21 April 2020	Click Here	Issue of passes to employees working in various sectors	Issue of passes to employees and guidelines to be complied with while issuing of said passes.
2.	20 April 2020	Click Here	Lockdown measures extended upto 7 May 2020 in the state of Telangana.	Lockdown measures extended upto 7 May 2020 in the state of Telangana.
3.	18 April 2020	Click Here	Appeal to not terminate employees by various state ministries	Appeal to not terminate employees, regular, contractual, or outsourced and to adopt other mechanisms for cost cutting.

4.	16 April 2020	Click Here	Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for workplaces, offices, Factories and Establishments.	Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for social distancing for workplaces, offices, Factories and Establishments and they are to be strictly implemented.
5.	13 April 2020	Click Here	Operational Guidelines for day-to-day management of Containment Zones in Telangana	The guidelines for day-to-day management of Containment Zones require - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Containment Zones - All localities reporting corona positive cases to be contained by barricading the entire locality and the zone shall be monitored by surveillance teams; • Surveillance team members to ensure sanitation, health services, supply of essential commodities, identification and protection of destitute, etc.
6.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Extension of payments of property taxes and arrears for a period of three months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period for payment of property taxes and arrears pertaining to F.Y 2019-20 has been extended by 3 months, up to 30 June 2020 with no additional penalty for the extended period.

5. Tamil Nadu

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	3 May 2020	Click Here	Lockdown extended upto 17 May 2020 in Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown extended upto 17 May 2020. • Guidelines to be observed for lockdown measures and permitted activities with specified restrictions.
2.	23 April 2020	Click Here	Proposed items to be included within permitted activities under lockdown as per discretion of respective district administration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNREGA works relating to those listed in the circular and as per compliance with conditions. • Construction projects for various activities mentioned in the circular in rural areas. <p>District administration is to ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to Standard Operating Procedure for workplaces, factories and establishments are in place prior to allowing the activities.</p>

3.	23 April 2020	Click Here	Further services exempted to operate during lockdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All facilities in supply chain to essential good, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retails, e-commerce companies including food processing units such as for bread, milk, flour, dal etc. located in urban areas. Facilities for import/export such as Pack houses, inspection and treatment facilities for seeds and horticulture produce.
4.	16 April 2020	Click Here	SOPs for Social Distancing for Offices, Workplace, Factories and Establishments in Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All units to sanitize their premises and disinfect vehicles, machinery entering the unit and abide by social distancing norms and containment measures related to COVID-19. Arrangements for transportation facility, mandatory medical insurance for workers. Units to operate with reduced manpower in shifts, ban non-essential visitors on site and avoid all large gatherings/meetings.
5.	7 April 2020	Click Here	Exemption to Industrial establishments requiring continuous process from the purview of ongoing lockdown.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industries whose operations are permitted include-Steel; Cement; Fertilizers; Refineries; Chemicals; Textiles (Excluding Garments)
6.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) extends validity period of consent to operate/authorization for a period of 3 months till 30 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TNPCB has extended the validity of consent to operate for all the units, who have a valid consent to operate up to 31 March 2020 for a period of three months up to 30 June 2020.

6. Gujarat

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	20 April 2020	Click Here	Steps towards allowing functioning of IT/ITES companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation to start IT/ITES industry and services from 20th April, with 50 % strength.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No relaxation in social distancing norms laid down by the central government.
2.	17 April 2020	Click Here	Exemptions under Factories Act, 1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factories in Gujarat shall be exempted from various provisions relating to weekly hours, daily hours, intervals for rest, etc. of adult workers under Sections 51, 52, 55 and 56 from 20 April 2020 to 19 July 2020.

7. Delhi

No.	Issuance Date	Circular Links	Measures	Details
1.	19 April 2020	Click Here	Maintenance of status quo in Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi to continue compliance with consolidated guidelines in public interest. No relaxation of lockdown will be made with effect from 20 April 2020. Situation to be reviewed again on 27 April 2020.
2.	7 April 2020	Click Here	Electricity billing and consumption related reliefs order issued by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various reliefs with respect to deferments, late payment surcharge, due date extensions have been issued in the order.
3.	1 April 2020	Click Here	Advisory to employers to implement Chief Labour Commissioner advisory of not terminating employees or cut wages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal Employers/Employers are requested to adhere to advisory of not terminating employees or cut wages issued by Chief Labour Commissioner on 30 March 2020.