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Labour

ESIC mandates bank account details and mobile number registration for registering as an IP

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Labour



The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on June 29, 2020 has ordered to make bank account details of an employee and mobile number registration mandatory for registering as an insured person. Hence, bank account details and mobile number are now a pre- requisite for an employee to be registered on an IP.

The followings will be implemented:-

- Bank Details and Mobile Number :- While registering a new insure person, the mobile number should be mandatory filled. It should be available in the ESIC database. The number should be unique or it should be accessed through OTP.
- Updation of account details and mobile number of existing insured persons.
- Bank account details mandatory for availing cash benefits and claim reimbursements.
- Bank details of existing insured persons can be done by the employer by logging into employer portal accessing “Update particulars of existing persons” link.

All the manuals pertaining to above changes should be available on the ESIC website. This order shall come into effect from July 01, 2020.

[Circular No. I-/11/13/04/2020-ICT]

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Draft Pension Fund (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2020

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The Ministry of Finance on June 19, 2020 issued draft Pension Fund (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2020 under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013..

The following pointers are discussed under the Draft Pension Fund (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2020:

- No pension funds shall have the equity shares exceeding 49% in the hands of the foreign investors.
- The ownership and the control of the pension funds shall be under Indian Residents.
- All the proposal having the cap of 49% shall be invited for foreign investment through the automatic route.
- The Foreign Portfolio Investment shall be regulated by Regulation 5 of the FEMA act. The pricing shall be set according to the regulations given by Reserve Bank of India and FEMA.
- Government approval is mandatory for all the bordering countries including China, while they are planning for any foreign investment.

The Department invites comments from the public and all concerned on the Draft Pension Fund (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2020. The comments and feedbacks may be forwarded by email to [pensec-dfs@nic.in/](mailto:pensec-dfs@nic.in) or sushma.kindo@nic.in under the subject Pension Fund (FI) Rules, 2020 within 30 days.

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Commercial

FSSAI approves the method for estimation of Foreign Oligosaccharides in honey

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Commercial



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 29, 2020 approves the method for estimation of Foreign Oligosaccharides in honey by elemental analysis or Liquid Chromatography-Isotopic Ratio Mass Spectrometry (EA/LC-IRMS). The food testing laboratories can use the method with immediate effect.

[FSSAI Order No. 11023/53/2018-QA]

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Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on June 26, 2020 issues the draft Central Motor Vehicles (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2020 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

The following amendments are made in Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989:-

- The dimensions of the motor vehicles shall not exceed the limits as specified in the table given in the amended rules.
- The overhang of the tractors or the pullers shall not exceed 60 percent of the wheel base.
- The bumper or the advertisement panel shall not exceed fifteen centimetres that is fitted at the rear of the vehicle.

[Notification No: G.S.R. 414 (E)]

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The Butterfly Valves (Quality Control) Order, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade on June 17, 2020 issues Butterfly Valves (Quality Control) Order, 2020. The butterfly valves shall bear the Standard Mark of “IS: 13095 - Butterfly valves for general purposes” under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standard as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 and shall not apply to goods or articles for export purpose.

This Order shall come into force from January 01, 2021.

[Notification no- S.O. 1920(E)]

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BIS cancels certain Indian Standards under BIS Rules, 2018

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 11, 2020 notifies cancellation of certain Indian Standard, particulars under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules 2018.

The following particulars are as follow:

- IS 16189 (Part 1) : 2014 - Certificate Management for financial Services Part 1 Public key Certificates - Date of cancellation is February 25, 2020
- IS 16189 (Part 2): 2014- Banking Certificate Management Part 2 Certificate Extensions - Date of cancellation is February 25, 2020

[Notification no- Pub/GN.-3(27)]

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Domestic Pressure Cooker (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 23, 2020 issues Domestic Pressure Cooker (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020 to further amend the Domestic Pressure Cooker (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from February 01, 2021.

[Order no S.O. 2019(E)]

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Flat Transparent Sheet Glass (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 23, 2020 issues the Flat Transparent Sheet Glass (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020.

It has been clarified that the Flat Transparent Sheet Glass (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020, shall come into force from March 01, 2021 instead of August 17, 2020.

[Order no S.O. 2017(E)]

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BIS notifies several Indian Standards along with their specification

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 19, 2020 notifies several particulars of the Indian Standards established on June 19, 2020 and shall remain in force till July 18, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

The followings are the list of Indian Standards:-

1. IS 4167: 2020- Glossary of Terms Relating to Air Pollution (Second Revision)
2. IS 4566: 2020- Specification for Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) – Technical (Second Revision)
3. IS 4720: 2020- Ventilation of Surface Hydel Power Stations – Code of Practice (Second Revision)
4. IS 16479: 2020- Performance Requirements and Test Procedures of Braking Systems for Wheeled or High-Speed Rubber Tracked Earth Moving Machines and Construction Equipment Vehicles (First Revision)
5. IS 17055 (Part 2): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 2 Requirements for Tractor Dozers (Second Revision)
6. IS 17055 (Part 4): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 4 Requirements for Backhoe Loaders (Second Revision)
7. IS 17055 (Part 7): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 7 Requirements for Scrapers (Second Revision)
8. IS 17055 (Part 8): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 8 Requirements For Graders (Second Revision)
9. IS 17055 (Part 9): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 9 Requirements for Pipelayers (Second Revision)
10. IS 17055 (Part 10): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 10 Requirements for Trenchers (Second Revision)
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12. IS 17055 (Part 12): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 12 Requirements for Cable Excavators (Second Revision)
13. IS 17055 (Part 13): 2020- Earth-Moving Machinery – Safety Part 13 Requirements for Rollers (Second Revision)

[Notification no- PUB/3/3/2020-21(25)]

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Safety Glass (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 23, 2020 issues the Safety Glass (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2020 to further amend the Safety Glass (Quality Control) Order, 2020 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from April 01, 2021.

[Order no S.O. 2018(E)]

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Transparent Float Glass (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 23, 2020 issues Transparent Float Glass (Quality Control) (Amendment) Order, 2020 to further amend the Transparent Float Glass (Quality Control) Order, 2019 and has clarified that this Order shall come into effect from January 01, 2021.

[Order no. S.O. 2016(E)]

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BIS notifies amendments to the Indian Standards of ICU Ventilators

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 19, 2020 issues notifies certain amendments to the Indian Standards of "IS 17426: 2020- ICU Ventilators for use in COVID-19 ■ Specification" established on June 19, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

[Notification no- PUB/3/3/2020-21(24)]

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BIS notifies amendments to the Indian Standards of Electric Fan Motors

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 17, 2020 issues notifies certain amendments to the Indian Standards of “IS 1709: 1984- Specification for Capacitors for Electric Fan Motors (First Revision)” established on June 16, 2020 and shall remain in force till September 15, 2020.

[Notification no PUB/3/4/2020-21(26)]

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BIS notifies amendments in the Indian Standards of Screwed Closures for Drums

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 17, 2020 notifies certain amendments in the Indian Standards of “IS 1784 : 2020 Screwed Closures for Drums ■ Specification (Fourth Revision)” established on June 16, 2020 and shall remain in force till December 15, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

[Notification no: PUB/3/2/2020-21(23)]

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BIS notifies amendments in the Indian Standards of Steel Pipe Flanges

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 10, 2020 notifies certain amendments in the Indian Standards of “IS 6392 : 2020 Steel Pipe Flanges ■ Specification (First Revision)” established on June 08, 2020 and shall remain in force till December 07, 2020 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.

[Notification no: PUB/3/2/2020-21(22)]

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BIS specifies that Heat Exchanger for Room Air Conditioner shall remain in force till August 31, 2020

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on June 01, 2020 amends the Notification No. [PUB/3/5/2019-2020](#) dated January 15, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The amendment is made under the Serial No. 5, column 5 of the schedule which specifies “IS 11329 : 2018 Finned Type Heat Exchanger for Room Air Conditioner (First Revision)”, stating that this particular Indian Standard shall remain in force till **August 31, 2020** instead of February 01, 2020.

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Finance & Taxation

Government of India issues order exercising option for deduction of TDS under old and new rates of Income Tax for the year, 2020-21

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The Ministry of Labour on June 25, 2020 issues new tax structure for the year, 2020-21. The total taxable income shall be computed without any exemption, deductions granted under chapter VI A of the Income Tax Act (except deduction under sub section (2) of Section 80CCD). The new rates of Income Tax are as follow:

Taxable Income	Tax Rate	Tax Rate (under new scheme)
Up to Rs 250,000	Nil	Nil
From Rs 250,000-500,000	5%	5%
From Rs 500,001-7,50,000	20%	10%
From Rs 7,50,001-10,00,000	20%	15%
From Rs 10,00,001-12,50,000	30%	20%
From Rs 12,50,001-15,00,000	30%	25%
Above Rs 15,00,000	30%	30%

The old rate will continue and the official can choose between old and new rates for the purpose of monthly Income Tax recovery from pay and allowances.

Hence, all the officials are required to exercise their option through email: mole124cash@gmail.com

The option should be forwarded to Cash Section (MS) latest by July 10, 2020.

[Circular no- 24/06/2020-Cash (MS)]

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Income Tax (14th Amendment) Rules, 2020

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on June 29, 2020, publishes the Income Tax (14th Amendment) Rules, 2020, to further amend the Income Tax Rules, 1962. These rules shall be implemented from April 1, 2020 and shall be applicable for the financial year 2021-22.

Following is the amendment to Income Tax Rules, 1962:

Rule 11UAC has been substituted, which relates to the right of ownership for the purpose of mortgage along with all the documents, following class of persons shall be excluded from the provision for sub-section (2) the government regularised the transactions of such immovable property.

[Notification No: G.S.R. 421 (E)]

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DGFT amends export policy for Personal Protection Equipment coveralls

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on June 29, 2020 has decided to amend the export policy of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). The government has amended the Schedule 2 of the Notification No. 14 dated June 22, 2020 in regards with the export of PPE.

Following amendments have been done in the notification:

■ Under serial number 207A, PPE medical coveralls for COVID-19 with ITC HS Codes 392960, 621790, 630790, 901890 have been restricted for monthly export quota of 50 lakh medical PPE coveralls for COVID-19.

■ However, other items listed under serial number 207A shall remain prohibited for export as individual or kits shall not be applicable for monthly quota.

[Notification No: S.O. 2125 (E)]

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CBIC further extends the period to pass order under section 54 (7) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 27, 2020, further extends the period to pass order under section 54 (7) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, which talks about refund of tax, by amending the [Notification No. 46/2020- Central Tax](#) dated June 09, 2020.

Therefore, cases where a notice has been issued for rejection of refund claim, in full or in part and where the time limit for issuance of order in terms of the provisions section 54 falls during the period from March 20, 2020 to **August 30, 2020**, in such cases the time limit for issuance of the said order shall be extended to fifteen days after the receipt of reply to the notice from the registered person or **August 31, 2020**, whichever is later

[Notification No: 56/2020- Central Tax]

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Income-tax (13th Amendment) Rules, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on June 26, 2020 issued a notification for Income Tax (13th Amendment) Rules, 2020 further amending the Income-Tax Rules, 1962. These rules shall come into force from April 1, 2021 and shall be implemented for the financial year 2021-22.

Following amendments have been made to Income Tax Rules, 1962:

Ø Under Rule 2BB that explains the exemption of employee in respect of allowances, following clause shall be inserted, "(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) and (2), an employee, being an assessee, who has exercised option under sub-section (5) of section 115BAC shall be entitled to exemption only in respect of the allowances mentioned in sub-clauses (a) to (c) of sub-rule (1) and at serial no.11 of the Table below sub-rule (2) to the extent and subject to the conditions, if any, specified therein".

Ø Under rule 3, following proviso shall be inserted, "Provided further that the exemption provided in the first proviso in respect of free food and non-alcoholic beverage provided by such employer through paid voucher shall not apply to an employee, being an assessee, who has exercised option under sub-section (5) of section 115BAC".

[Notification No: G.S.R. 415 (E)]

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MSME notifies certain criteria for classifying the enterprises as micro, small and medium enterprises

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) on June 26, 2020 notifies certain criteria for classifying the enterprises as micro, small and medium enterprises and specifies the form and procedure for filing the memorandum with effect from July 01, 2020.

The classification is based on the following criteria:

- A micro enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 1 crore and turnover does not exceed Rs. 5 crore.
- A small enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 10 crore and turnover does not exceed Rs. 50 crore.
- A medium enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 50 crore and turnover does not exceed Rs. 250 crore.

Eligibility criteria for registration of an enterprise:

- Any person who intends to establish a micro, small or medium enterprise may file Udyam Registration online in the Udyam Registration portal, based on self-declaration with no requirement to upload documents, papers, certificates or proof.
- An enterprise having Udyam Registration Number shall update its information online in the Udyam Registration portal, including the details of the ITR and the GST Return for the previous financial year and such other additional information as may be required, on self-declaration basis.
- Exports of goods or services or both, shall be excluded while calculating the turnover of any enterprise whether micro, small or medium, for the purposes of classification.
- Failure to update the relevant information within the period specified in the online Udyam Registration portal will render the enterprise liable for suspension of its status.
- On registration, an enterprise will be assigned a permanent identity number to be known as Udyam Registration Number.
- An e-certificate shall be issued on completion of the registration process.
- If an enterprise crosses the ceiling limits specified for its present category in either of the two criteria of investment or turnover, it will cease to exist in that category and be placed in the next higher category but no enterprise shall be placed in the lower category unless it goes below the ceiling limits specified for its present category in both the criteria of investment as well as turnover.

[Notification No. S.O. 2119(E)]

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The Floating Rate Savings Bonds, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Department of Economic Affairs on June 26, 2020 launches the Floating Rate Savings Bonds, 2020 (Taxable) with effect from July 01, 2020. The Bonds will be issued only in the electronic form and held at the credit of the holder in an account called Bond Ledger Account (BLA). The bond will also ascertain the rights and duties of the investor.

Some of the key points of the bond are as follows:

- The Floating Rate Savings Bonds 2020 (FRSB Bonds) will have tenure of 7 years and the interest rate will keep varying during the tenure of the scheme.
- The minimum investment amount is Rs 1000, while there will be no maximum limit for investments made in the Bonds. The maximum investment in cash can be made up to Rs 20,000.
- The resident Indians or HUF can invest in the FRSB taxable bond, without any monetary ceiling. The Bonds will be on tap till further notice and issued in non-cumulative form only. Premature redemption shall be allowed for specified categories of senior citizens.
- Interest on the Bonds will be taxable under the Income-Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time and as applicable according to the relevant tax status of the Bond holder. There will be an incidence of TDS unless certificate of exemption is provided to not deduct TDS.
- The Bonds are open to investment by individuals and Hindu Undivided Families. However, NRIs are not eligible for making investments in these Bonds.
- The Bonds will be issued, in electronic form and credited to the Bond Ledger Account (BLA) of the investors on the date of the tender of cash or the date of realization of draft, cheque, funds.

[Notification No. S.O. 2123 (E)]

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CBIC exempts certain class of goods specifying tariff quota rate

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 23, 2020, has issued a notification exempting certain class of goods specifying the tariff quota rate for the class of goods along with their in-quota tariff rate.

■ Milk and cream in powder, granules or other solid forms, (a) of a fat content by weight not exceeding 1.5%; (b) of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5% - not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter with quantity 10,000 MT shall have 15 percent in-quota tariff rate.

■ Maize (corn), other than seed quality with quantity 50,000 MT shall have in-quota tariff rate of 15 percent.

■ Crude sunflower seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof having quantity 1,50,000 shall have 50 percent in-quota rate.

■ Refined rape, colza or mustard oil and fractions thereof with quantity 1,50,000 shall have 45 percent in-quota rate.

[Notification No: 28/2020- Customs]

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CBIC further extends the date of certain compliances and validity of e-way bills

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 27, 2020 further extends the date of certain compliances and validity of e-way bills by amending the [Notification No. 35/2020 – Central Tax](#) dated April 03, 2020.

Whereas, first paragraph of the notification has been amended:

where, any time limit for completion or compliance of any action, by any authority or by any person, has been specified in, or prescribed or notified under the said Act, which falls during the period from March 20, 2020 to **August 30, 2020**, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, then, the time limit for completion or compliance of such action, shall be extended upto **August 31, 2020**.

[Notification No: 55/2020- Central Tax]

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RBI extends the minimum daily maintenance of CRR

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 26, 2020 has decided to extend the relaxation of the minimum daily maintenance of the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. RBI had reduced the minimum daily maintenance of the cash reserve ratio to 80% from 90%, fortnightly. vide circular number [DOR.No.Ret.BC.51/12.01.001/2019-20](#) dated March 27, 2020. This dispensation was applicable till June 26, 2020.

Considering the situation going on in the country under this pandemic, RBI has decided to further extend the dispensation date for 3 months i.e. till **September 25, 2020**.

[Circular No: DOR.No.Ret.BC.78/12.01.001/2019-20]

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Central Goods and Services Tax (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2020

Jun 27, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 25, 2020, publishes the Central Goods and Services Tax (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2020, to further extend the time limit for filing an application for revocation of cancellation of registration for specified taxpayers.

Whereas, the taxpayers could not apply for revocation of cancellation within the specified time period of thirty days from the date of service of the cancellation order, as a result whereof certain difficulties have arisen in giving effects to the provisions of section 30(1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, which talks about revocation of cancellation of registration.

Therefore, it is clarified that for the purpose of calculating the period of thirty days for filing application for revocation of cancellation of registration for those registered persons who were served notice in the prescribed manner and where cancellation order was passed up to June 12, 2020, the later of the following dates shall be considered:

- a) Date of service of the said cancellation order; or
- b) August 31, 2020.

[Order No. 01/2020-Central Tax]

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CBDT extends the time limits under the Income-tax Act, 1961 and related Acts

Jun 27, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on June 24, 2020, extends the time limits under the Income-tax Act, 1961 and related Acts

Whereas, CBDT had issued [Taxation and Other Laws \(Relaxation of Certain Provisions\) Ordinance, 2020](#) on March 31, 2020, for the extension of certain timelines due to COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the timeline has further extended because of the situation of lockdown:

Ø December 31, 2020 shall be the end date of the period during which the time limit specified in, or prescribed or notified under, the specified Act falls for the completion or compliance of such action.

Ø March 31, 2021, shall be the end date to which the time limit for completion or compliance of such action shall stand extended

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For the filing of returns under the section 139 of the said act, July 31, 2020 shall be the last date and for some cor

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The date has been extended to July 15, 2020 for filing all the TDS returns which were supposed to be completed

This notification will come into force from June 30, 2020.

[Notification No. S.O. 2033(E)]

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DGFT rolls out a new Digital Platform for IEC services

Jun 26, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General Foreign Trade (DGFT) on June 25, 2020 has issued a trade notice to launch of new DGFT platform and digital delivery of IEC related services. Due to the digital India campaign, the government has launched a digital platform of DGFT, that is scheduled to go-live on July 13, 2020.

The first phase of this platform will witness the issuance of IEC, amendments, and modifications. A chat bot options shall be present for the users to resolve their queries. Further, the next phase shall roll out once the first phase of the digital platforms stabilizes.

Following important points shall be witnessed in the digital rollout:

- All the users shall register themselves on the platform. The access to the website shall happen through username and password.
- To register the account, the users shall register via their mobile numbers and an OTP shall be sent to them on the registered mobile number.
- The ID's of the users shall be linked to their specific IEC's using their Aadhar number or digital signature.

To carry on with the system configurations and check-in the purpose of the go-live the platform shall be suspended from 3 pm on July 10, 2020 to July 13, 2020.

[Trade Notice No: 16/2020-21]

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DGFT amends foreign policy for export of cut and polished diamonds with re-import facility at zero duty

Jun 26, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General Foreign Trade (DGFT) on June 25, 2020 amends the foreign trade policy, considering amendments in Paragraph 4.44 of the Foreign Trade Policy. Under the 2015-2020 trade policy, paragraph 4.44 talks about the export of cut and polished diamonds with re-import facility at zero duty.

Following amendments have happened in the para 4.4 of trade policy 2015-2020:

- The re-import period expiring between February 01, 2020 to July 31, 2020, the period of re-import shall extend to 3 months automatically due to the COVID-19 pandemic effects in the country.

[Notification No: 15/2015-2020]

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CBIC provides relief by waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-1 for monthly filers and for quarterly filers

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 24, 2020, provides relief by waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-1 for tax periods for months from March, 2020 to June, 2020 for monthly filers and for quarters from January, 2020 to June, 2020 for quarterly filers.

For above relief, CBIC amends third proviso of the [Notification No. 4/2018- Central Tax](#), dated January 23, 2018:

- March, 2020: July 10, 2020
- April, 2020: July 24, 2020
- May, 2020: July 28, 2020
- June, 2020: August 05, 2020
- January to March, 2020: July 17, 2020
- April to June, 2020: August 03, 2020

[Notification No. 53/2020- Central Tax]

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CBIC provides relief by lowering of interest rate for a prescribed time for tax periods from February, 2020 to July, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 24, 2020, provides relief by lowering of interest rate for a prescribed time for tax periods from February, 2020 to July, 2020.

Whereas, CBIC amends the [Notification No. 13/2017 – Central Tax](#), dated June 28, 2017 to provide relief, in the first paragraph, first proviso has been substituted for:

- Ø Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year
- Ø Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana or Andhra Pradesh or the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.
- Ø Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha or the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh and Delhi.

[Notification No. 51/2020]

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CBIC provides one-time amnesty for non furnishing of FORM GSTR-3B and also provides relief by conditional waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in FORM GSTR-3B

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 24, 2020, provides one time amnesty by lowering/waiving of late fees for non-furnishing of FORM GSTR-3B from July, 2017 to January, 2020 and also seeks to provide relief by conditional waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in FORM GSTR-3B for tax periods of February, 2020 to July, 2020.

[Notification No: 52/2020- Central Tax]

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CBIC enforces certain provisions of Finance Act, 2020 to bring amendments to certain sections of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 24, 2020, brings into force certain sections of Finance Act, 2020 in order to bring amendment to Sections 2, 109, 168 & 172 of Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 with effect from June 30, 2020.

The Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 sections:-

- Ø Section 2: Definitions
- Ø Section 109: Constitution of Appellate Tribunal and Benches thereof
- Ø Section 168: Power to issue instructions or directions
- Ø Section 172: Removal of difficulties.

[Notification No. 49/2020- Central Tax]

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Central Goods and Service Tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on June 24, 2020, publishes the Central Goods and Service Tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2020, to further amend the Central Goods and Service Tax, 2017.

Following are the amendments in Central Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017:

■ Rule 7 which talks about the rate of tax of the composition levies table has been substituted with the new table.

- 1) Manufacturers, other than manufacturers of such goods as may be notified by the Government shall have half per cent. of the turnover in the State or Union territory.
- 2) Suppliers making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II shall have two and a half per cent. of the turnover in the State or Union territory.
- 3) Any other supplier eligible for composition levy under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 10 shall have half per cent. of the turnover of taxable supplies of goods and services in the State or Union territory.
- 4) Registered persons not eligible under the composition levy under sub-sections (1) and (2), but eligible to opt to pay tax under sub-section (2A), of section 10 which specifies Composition Levy Scheme shall have three percent of the turnover of taxable supplies of goods and services in the State or Union territory.

They will come into force with effect from April 01, 2020.

[Notification No. 50/2020- Central Tax]

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Secretarial

SEBI extends the date of implementation of Guidelines for Portfolio Managers by three months

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 29, 2020 has decided to extend the date of implementation of 'Guidelines for Portfolio Managers'. SEBI had issued a circular specifying the guidelines for the portfolio managers vide it's Circular no [SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020](#) February 13, 2020. SEBI has now further extended the timeline for three months after taking into considerations the requests received from the portfolio managers and the prevailing business and market conditions. However, the circular shall come into force from **October 01, 2020**.

[Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/111]

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The Companies (Removal of names from the Register of Companies) Amendment Rules, 2020

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs on June 29, 2020 issues the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Amendment Rules, 2020 to further amend the Companies (Removal of names from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016.

The following are the amendments made in Companies (Removal of names from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016:-

■ A new proviso has been inserted in Rule 4(3)(i) which provides for the application for removal of the company, stating that Form STK-3A shall be provided by a government company who paid up share capital is held by the government or a subsidiary of a government company not below the rank of Under Secretary or administrative.

■ A new “**Form No. STK – 3A Indemnity Bond**” has been inserted.

[Notification No. G.S.R. 420(E)]

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SEBI provides relaxation of time gap between two board meetings for listed entities

Jun 26, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 26, 2020 issued a circular for the relaxation of time gap between two board or audit committee meetings for the listed entities under the COVID-19 pandemic. After proper consideration, the committee has decided to give relaxations to the entities till **July 31, 2020**, considering the notification issued by SEBI on March 19, 2020 vide Circular No. [SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/38](#).

However, the committees have issued that it is important for the entities to meet at least four times a year as provided under Regulations 17(2) and 18(2)(a) of the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR).

[Circular No: SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/110]

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SEBI extends the timeline for the submission of ASC report till July 31, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 25, 2020 has decided to extend the timeline for submission of Annual Secretarial Compliance (ASC) report by the listed entities due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. SEBI had earlier extended the due date by one month that is from May 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for the year 2019-2020 vide [Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/38](#) dated March 19, 2020.

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and other listed entities have shed light on the issues faced in filing of the ASC report due to the pandemic. Thus, the SEBI has extended the timeline for the submission of the ASC report by another one month that is till **July 31, 2020**.

[SEBI Circular No: SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR P/2020/109]

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Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Third Amendment Rules, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on June 23, 2020 issues the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Third Amendment Rules, 2020 to further amend the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014.

The amendments made in Rule 6(1) related to “compliances required by a person who is eligible and is willing to be appointed as an independent director” in the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014:

“Every individual who has been appointed as an independent director in a company, on the date of commencement of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2019, shall within a period of ten months from such commencement shall apply online to the institute for inclusion of his name in the data bank for a period of 1 year or 5 years or for his life-time.”

[Notification No. G.S.R. 396(E)]

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Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Second Amendment Rules, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on June 23, 2020 issues the Companies (Meetings of Boards and its Powers) Second Amendment Rules, 2020 to further amend the Companies (Meetings of Boards and its Powers) Rules, 2014.

The amendments are made in Rule 4(2) related to “matters that should not be dealt through video conferencing or other audio-visual” in the Companies (Meeting of Boards and its Powers) Rules, 2014:

“For the period beginning from the commencement of the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Amendment Rules, 2020 and ending on **September 30, 2020**, the meetings may be held through video conferencing or other audio visual means.

[Notification No: G.S.R. 395 (E)]

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Industry Specific

IRDAI issues timeline for submission of Life Operational Returns in BAP

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific



The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on June 29, 2020 issued a circular for timelines for submission of Life Operational returns in BAP. It was observed that certain insurers were not submitting returns according to the timeline.

Thus, the authorities have issued instructions to streamline the process of submitting the returns according to the timeline.

- Monthly returns should be carried out by the 8th of the month.
- Unaudited quarterly returns should be made by the 30th of the end of the month.
- Audited annual returns should be completed by June 30.
- Yearly Outsourcing Returns shall be completed by 15th May.
- Other Yearly Returns shall be done by June 30th.

All Life Insurers are hereby directed to adhere to the above timelines and ensure submission of life operational returns accordingly.

[Circular No. IRDAI/Life/Cir/Misc/165/06/2020]

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SEBI provides relaxation in timelines for compliance with regulatory requirements

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 30, 2020 provides relaxation in timelines for compliance with regulatory requirements by the depository participants (DPs), Registrars to an Issue & Share Transfer Agents (RTAs). Due to the pertaining situation of COVID-19 in the country, the authorities have decided to extend the timelines for certain compliances with regulatory requirements by DPs/ RTAs.

Following compliance timelines have been extended:-

- Processing of the demat request form by the issuer or RTA and the processing of the demat request form by the participants timelines have been extended to July 31, 2020. Further, 15-day period after July 31, 2020 is given to all the depositories and DPs to clear the back log.
- The half-yearly Internal Audit Report shall be submitted by the DPs by July 31, 2020 for March 31, 2020.
- Closure of the demat account shall be done by July 31, 2020. A 15-day period shall be provided after July 31, 2020 for the purpose of clearing the back logs.

[Circular No: SEBI/HO/MIR SD/DOP/CIRP/2020/112]

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FSSAI issues letter regarding surveillance on use of staple tea bags

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 29, 2020 issues order directing surveillance on use of staple tea bags. This is important to prevent any health hazard due to consumption of loose staple pin being consumed inadvertently. Earlier, FSSAI had directed the sale, manufacture, distribution and storage of staple tea bags to be discontinued and after which certain industries sought period of extension. Consequently, FSSAI provided timeline extension to 16 Food Business Operators to manufacture stable bags till **December 31, 2021** and the same can be sold in market up to **December 31, 2023**.

Ensuring the compliance for the same, Licensing authorities are directed to conduct surveillance by competent authority on manufacture and import of staple tea bags.

[FSSAI letter No. 12(11)2019/TEA/RCD/FSSAI]

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UGC extends the last date for submission of online application for NSQF

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on June 30, 2020 invites applications from institutions for running skill-based programmes under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) for the academic year 2020-21. The applications shall be submitted through online portal. The last date for submission of the applications has now been extended from June 30, 2020 to **July 20, 2020**.

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FSSAI issues letter on surveillance to ensure availability of blended edible vegetable oil with AGMARK certification

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 29, 2020 issues order directing surveillance to ensure availability of blended edible vegetable oil (BEVO) with AGMARK certification.

As per FSSAI Act, AGMARK is mandatory for sale and production of BEVO. Also packing combination of blends without FSSAI license is prohibited. Ensuring the compliance for the same, Licensing authorities are directed to conduct Surveillance to ensure availability of blended edible vegetable oil with AGMARK certification. Information regarding grant, renewal or cancellation of FSSAI license in respect of BEVO may be provided may be provided to DMI at e-mail id dmiqc@nic.in.

[FSSAI Letter No. 12(3)2016/Edible Oil/RCD/FSSAI]

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IRDAI invites suggestions for standard products for dwellings and small business in the segment of standard fire and special perils

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on June 26, 2020 invites suggestions for standard products for Dwellings and Small Business in the segment of Standard fire and Special Perils.

The following three standard products are proposed in the segment of Standard fire and Special Perils:-

- Policy covering Dwellings for any sum insured.
- Policy covering Micro Commercial entities having value at risk at any one location not exceeding Rs. 5 crore.
- Policy covering Small Commercial entities have value at risk not exceeding Rs. 50 crore across all insurable asset classes at any one location.

The Authority hereby invites suggestions from the public for suitable names for the products to counter the effect of catastrophic events. A cash price of Rs. 10,000 for each of the products has been earmarked for the proposer of the selected name, along with certificates of appreciation by Chairman of IRDAI. The suggestions may kindly be forwarded to e-mail id: nl-products@irdai.gov.in by July 10, 2020.

[IRDAI Notice no: IRDAI/NL/SP/SFSP/59/2020-21]

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IRDAI issues guidelines on COVID Standard Health Policy

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on June 26, 2020 issues guidelines on Covid Standard Health Policy. In view of the global pandemic Covid-19, the Authority has decided to mandate all general and health insurers to offer Individual Covid-19 Standard Health Policy with the following objectives:

- To have a Covid-19 specific product addressing basic health insurance needs of insuring public related to Covid-19.
- To have a standard product with common policy wordings across the industry.

The detailed guidelines are as follows:

- All general and health insurers shall offer the COVID Standard Health Policy by duly complying with the following guidelines.
- The COVID Standard Health Policy shall have one basic mandatory cover as specified in these Guidelines which shall be uniform across all General and Health Insurers.
- The insurer may determine the price keeping in view the covers proposed to be offered subject to complying with the norms specified in the IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations, 2016 and Guidelines notified there under the base cover of COVID Standard Health Policy shall be offered on Indemnity basis whereas optional cover shall be made available on Benefit Basis.
- The COVID Standard Health Policy shall offer a policy tenure of three and half months (3 ½ months), six and half months (6 ½ months), and nine and half months (9 ½ months) including waiting period
- The COVID Standard Health Policy should cover the Hospitalization expenses, home care treatment expenses, AYUSH treatment, pre and post hospitalization medical expenses.
- No deductibles are permitted in the product.
- The Policy shall include the cost of treatment for any comorbid condition including pre-existing comorbid conditions along with the treatment for Covid-19.
- The nomenclature of the product shall be Corona Kavach Policy. No other name is allowed in any of the documents.
- The Covid Standard Health Policy may be offered as Micro Insurance Product subject to Sum Insured limits specified in IRDAI (Micro Insurance) Regulations, 2015, and other circulars or guidelines issued in this regard by the Authority from time to time.
- General and Health Insurers shall ensure that this product is compulsorily offered on or before July 10, 2020.
- Every insurer offering Corona Kavach Policy shall provide a certificate of insurance to the policyholder indicating the availability of health insurance coverage. The certificate shall have a reference to access detailed terms and conditions of the policy contract.

■ Insurer shall cover the costs of treatment of COVID incurred by the Insured person on availing treatment at home maximum up to 14 days.

The policies issued under these guidelines will remain valid till March 31, 2021.

[Circular No. IRDAI/HLT/REG/CIR/163/06/2020]

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IRDAI issues guidelines on Standard benefit based health policy

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on June 26, 2020 issues guidelines on Covid-19 Standard benefit based health policy.

The detailed guidelines are as follow:

- The COVID Standard benefit based health policy shall have the basic cover as specified in these Guidelines which shall be uniform across all Insurers.
- The insurer may determine the price keeping in view the cover proposed to be offered subject to complying with the norms specified in the IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations, 2016 and Guidelines notified there under.
- The COVID Standard benefit based health policy shall comply with all the provisions of IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations, 2016 and all other applicable Regulations.
- All Insurers (General, Health and Life) transacting Health Insurance business may endeavor offering this product preferably by July 10, 2020.
- Lump sum benefit equal to 100% of the Sum Insured shall be payable on positive diagnosis of COVID, requiring hospitalization for a minimum continuous period of 72 hours.
- The positive diagnosis of COVID shall be from a government authorized diagnostic centre.
- The nomenclature of the product shall be Corona Rakshak Policy, succeeded by name of insurance company. No other name is allowed in any of the documents.
- The COVID Standard benefit based health policy may be offered as MICRO Insurance Product subject to Sum Insured limits specified in IRDAI (Micro Insurance) Regulations, 2015, and other circulars or guidelines issued in this regard by the Authority from time to time.
- Insurers offering COVID Standard benefit based health policy shall provide a certificate of insurance to the policyholder indicating the availability of health insurance coverage. The certificate should have a reference to access detailed terms and conditions of the policy contract.
- Insurers should also clearly mention policy period (Policy Start Date to Policy End Date), effective policy period (from end of waiting period to end of policy period), waiting period (policy start date to end of policy period) in the Certificate of Insurance.
- In terms of the provisions of Regulation 4(iii) of IRDAI (Issuance of e-Insurance Policies) Regulations, 2016 providing policy document in physical form is mandatory when policies are issued in electronic form directly to the policyholders.

These guidelines are valid till March 31, 2021.

[Circular No.- IRDAI/HLT/REG/CIR/164/06/2020]

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RBI extends timeline for relaxation on borrowing limit of scheduled banks till September 30, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 26, 2020 has decided to extend the timeline for the relaxation on borrowing limit of scheduled banks under the MSF scheme from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020. The borrowing limit of scheduled banks under the MSF scheme was increased from 2 % to 3% of their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) outstanding at the end of the second preceding fortnight with immediate effect vide RBI [Notification No. DOR.No.Ret.BC.52/12.01.001/2019-20](#) dated March 27, 2020.

[RBI Notification No. DOR.No.Ret.BC.77/12.02.001/2019-20]

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FSSAI issues direction regarding operationalization of draft FSS (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2020 and draft FSS (Food products Standards and food additive) Amendment Regulations, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 22, 2020 issues directions under regarding operationalization of certain provisions of draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2020 and draft Food Safety and Standards (Food products Standards and food additive) Amendment Regulations, 2020.

Keeping in mind the technical need of certain provisions in the above said draft with respect to Alcohol free Beer and use of certain food colour in Distilled Spirituous Beverages, it has been decided to operationalise the provisions related to alcohol free Beer and use of certain food colour in Distilled Spirituous Beverages with immediate effect.

In the FSS (Food products Standards and food additive) Amendment Regulations, 2020, these food additives such as Tatzine, Carmoisine, Brilliant blue FCF, Sunset Yellow FCF, Ponceau 4R are added.

[FSSAI Direction No. 1-1730/FSSAI/Imports/2018 (Part 2)]

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FSSAI extends timeline for compliance with FSS (Recovery and Distribution of Surplus Food) Regulations, 2019

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 26, 2020 has decided to extend the timeline for compliance with Food Safety and Standards (Recovery and Distribution of Surplus Food) Regulations, 2019. The surplus food distribution organizations are supposed to comply with food hygiene measures in accordance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of food business) Regulations, 2011.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the surplus distribution agencies and food businesses require additional time to develop their food safety management system to ensure safe handling of surplus food for distribution.

Hence, FSSAI extends timeline for Notification No. REG/11/27/Surplus Food/FSSAI-2017 dated July 26, 2019 regarding food safety and quality of food while donation up to **January 01, 2021**.

[FSSAI Letter No 01/FFRC/FSSAI/2017]

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UGC issues order regarding implementation of National Academic Depository

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on June 26, 2020 has hereby informed that Digilockr is the single depository for NAD and previous depositories NDML and CVL are not a part of NAD now. Consequently, all academic institutions are requested to upload data of academic awards of their institution with Digilocker.

The interested person may contact to Dr Surendra Singh, at email nad.ugc@gmail.com, Phone-9560228560 and Mr. Durgaprasad Dash, at email durga@digitalinida.gov.in.

[Notification No. D.O.F.1-46/2020 (NAD/Digilokcer)]

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CERC issues notice for determination of levellised generic tariff for financial year 2020-21

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on June 28, 2020 issues notice for determination of levellised generic tariff for financial year 2020-21 under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2020. The Commission, in discharge of the mandate under Regulation 8(1) of the Renewable Energy Tariff Regulations proposes to determine the generic tariff of the RE projects for the first year of control period as per the proposal enclosed with this notice. The proposal is available on the Commission's [website](#).

The comments or suggestions or objections from the stakeholders and interested persons on the proposal are invited till July 12, 2020. The comments or suggestions may be sent by email to advisor-re@cercind.gov.in and secy@cercind.gov.in.

[Public Notice No. RA-14026(11)/4/2020-CERC]

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UGC revises curriculum based on Learning Outcomes based Curriculum Framework

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on June 24, 2020 has requested all Universities to adopt Learning Outcomes based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) in all higher education institutions by updating curriculum from academic year 2019-20 and adopting learner centric teaching learning processes by suitable improvement in the pedagogy. The UGC has formed a specific Expert Committees to facilitate the task.

The Committee thus has developed reports LOCF report for different subjects. For implementation of outcome oriented curriculum to achieve expected outcomes, final LOCF reports of 25 subjects are available on the website of UGC (www.ugc.ac.in). Along with it, one more subject, Computer Science is also added. All universities are hereby requested to send action report in this regard to locfugc@gmail.com and neethuthulasi.ugc@gov.in.

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The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

Jun 29, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Law and Justice on June 26, 2020 issues the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to further amend the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

The amendments are made in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949:

- Section 3 has been substituted which states that this act shall not apply co-operative society in certain cases. The further amendment has been done specifying certain cases, where the act will not be applicable such as primary agriculture credit society and a co-operative society whose objective is to provide long-term finance for agricultural development.
- Co-operative bank along with the prior approval of the RBI shall issue the equity shares or the preference shares for face value or at premium.
- Section 53A has been inserted specifying power to exempt co-operative banks in certain cases, subject to certain conditions.
- The unsecured bonds shall have the minimum maturity of at least 10 years.

[Ordinance No. 12 of 2020]

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The Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Third Order, 2020

Jun 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Steel on June 25, 2020 issues the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) third Order, 2020. This Order is applicable to Steel products “IS 17404: 2020- Electro galvanized Hot Rolled and Cold Reduced Carbon Steel Sheets and Strips — Specification”. The product shall bear a license under from the Bureau as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this order shall be punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

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TRAI launches Channel Selector Application for the subscribers

Jun 26, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on June 25, 2020 has issued a press release to launch a channel selector App which will facilitate subscribers to view their TV subscription and modify the same.

The following are the features of the Application:

- The subscribers will be authenticated on the platform using their OTP's sent on the registered mobile number. In case the registered mobile number is not there, the OTP shall be visible to the subscriber on their TV screen.
- The application will help them to check their subscription, view their channel package, get the best solutions for the channel package they have chosen and check the real-time status of the subscription request.

[Press Release No: 40/2020]

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Fertilisers (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Amendment Order, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on June 22, 2020 issues the Fertilisers (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Amendment Order, 2020 to further amend the Fertilisers (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985.

Following are the amendments in Fertilisers (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985:

- A new clause 29AA related to "Regular training of Fertiliser Analysts" has been inserted, namely, "Every fertiliser analyst should undergo a training for every three years in Central Fertiliser Quality Control and Training Institute or any Regional Fertiliser Quality Control Laboratory at Mumbai, Kalyani or Chennai".
- Amendments are made in Schedule- I related to "Specification of Fertilisers" and Schedule-II, related to "Method of Analysis of Fertilisers"

[Order No. S.O. 2002 (E)]

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Ministry of Agriculture and Framers Welfare amends provision of water soluble mixtures of fertilisers

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Framers Welfare on June 22, 2020 amends the [Notification No. S.O.2900](#) dated October 24, 2015 fixing the general specifications of 100% water soluble mixtures of fertilisers to be imported into India.

The amendments are made in item No. 2, a serial number (iv) has been inserted, namely:-

“Every manufacturer or importer is required to provide the details of raw material used in making the hundred per cent. water soluble mixture of fertilizers.”

[Order No: S.O. 2001 (E)]

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RBI notifies guidelines for NBFCs and banks to be followed while outsourcing digital lending platforms

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 24, 2020 has issued a notification for loans secured by banks and NBFCs over digital lending platforms, adherence to fair practices code and outsourcing guidelines. RBI has further clarified that, if NBFCs or other banks are involved in any outsourcing digital lending platforms, they should follow the given guidelines.

The following guidelines must be followed in case of outsourcing digital lending platforms:

- On the website of the NBFCs and Banks the names of the digital lending platforms shall be duly mentioned.
- The name of banks or NBFCs or banks shall be disclosed to the customer by the agents, on whose behalf they are interacting with the customers.
- After the sanction and before the execution of the loan agreement, the sanction letter shall be issued to the customer on the letter head of the bank or the NBFC.
- Loan agreement copy shall be issued to all the borrowers.
- Proper grievance mechanism should be framed, and proper awareness shall be generated in this scenario.

[Notification No: DOR(NBFC)(PD)CC.No.112/03.10.001/2019-20]

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IRDAI issues guidelines on introduction of short term health insurance policies providing coverage for COVID-19 disease

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on June 23, 2020 issues guidelines on introduction of short term health insurance policies providing coverage for COVID-19 disease which will remain in force till March 31, 2020 or unless extended.

Keeping in view the current situation of Covid-19, all insurers (Life, General and Health Insurers) are allowed to offer COVID – 19 specific short term health insurance policies subject to these guidelines.

The guidelines are as follow:-

- Short term health policy for the purpose of these guidelines means any health insurance policy contract which has been issued for a policy term of less than 12 months.
- General and Health insurers are permitted to offer both indemnity based and benefit based short term health insurance policies
- These insurance products must comply with the norms on pricing stipulated in IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations 2016 and guidelines on product filing in health insurance business, (Ref: IRDA/HLT/REG/CIR/150/07/2016) dated July 29, 2016.
- Optional covers that enhance that health insurance coverage are permitted to be offered for same policy duration.
- Short term health insurance policy should be for Covid-19 only.
- Policies should be for minimum 3 months and maximum 11 months.
- No separate add-ons permitted.

[IRDAI Circular no- IRDAI/HLT/REG/CIR/156/06/2020]

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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare specifies customised fertilisers for 3 years

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on June 22, 2020 issued an order to notify the specifications of the customised fertilisers for a period of three years.

Following specifications have been added:

- N:P₂O₅:K₂O:S:Zn:B :: 12-24-0-0-0.5-0.2
- N:P₂O₅:K₂O :: 24-0-16
- N:P₂O₅:K₂O:S:Zn:B :: 12-24-0-0-0.5-0.2
- N:P₂O₅:K₂O:Zn:B :: 24-0-16

The above-mentioned specifications are applicable for the cotton industry.

[Order No: S.O. 2003 (E)]

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MNRE issues guidelines for installation of innovative standalone solar pumps

Jun 25, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New and Renewable energy (MNRE) on June 22, 2020 issues guidelines for installation of innovative standalone solar pumps. These guidelines are applicable for all Indian manufacturers or service providers, who wish to install innovative stand-alone solar pumps in the country under Schemes operated by the MNRE.

The guidelines are as follow:-

- The Ministry will call Expression of Interest (EOI) from time to time for inviting application from solar pump innovators claiming better performance on account of improved efficiency, cost effectiveness, monitoring, other value addition, etc. Only those innovative products which are available for testing and field trial will be eligible for participation in the EoI.
- The elements of innovation in the context of improved performance of solar pump needs to be mentioned very clearly by the applicants in their response to EoI.
- Applications will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee constituted by MNRE having technical and financial experts of the sector including academic experts.
- The expenditure incurred on testing will be borne by the applicant.
- On recommendations of the Committee, the innovator will be allowed to install up to 50 solar pumps in different parts of the State/UT for demonstration purpose.
- Innovators are required to deposit bank guarantee equivalent to payment made to him against the installation of solar pump, which will be encashed, if the pump failed to meet at least the existing MNRE performance standards during demonstration period of one year.
- Upon advice of the Evaluation Committee, the MNRE may adopt the innovative technology and update the existing specification after having detailed stakeholders' consultation on the same. For innovations with outstanding performance the innovators will get certificate of appreciation from MNRE
- Innovator will submit on monthly basis a detailed performance report of the pump including a comparative analysis with similar capacity pump specified by the MNRE, along with feedback from SIA & beneficiary farmers to the Evaluation Committee.

[Office Memorandum No. 32/5/2020-SPV Division]

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CERC advisory on development of transmission capacity under TBCB route

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on June 22, 2020 has issued an advisory for the development of transmission capacity in an efficient and economical manner under Tariff Based competitive bidding (TBCB) route. Thus, the commission has investigated the issue closely and have made certain modifications in the same.

Following modifications have been issued:

- In terms of proposed transmission lines, the existing substations bids shall be terminated, and the end coordinates shall be fixed upfront.
- Considering new substations if the end coordinates are not fixed upfront, bidding shall be carried out in the packages.
- In cases of certain projects, it was observed that the transmission line was bid under the TBCB route. Thus, there shall be a Transmission Agreement signed between the parties.
- In case there is a delay up till 60 days, the liquidated charges for the monthly delay shall be applicable up to 3.33 percent.
- In certain cases, the foreclosure is applicable, the bidding documents shall be submitted for the foreclosure.

[Advisory No. ENGG-21/1/2019-CERC]

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TRAI extends timeline for receiving comments on Consultation Paper on Regulation of International Mobile Roaming Services

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on June 23, 2020 has decided to extend the timeline for receiving comments on Consultation Paper on “Regulation of International Mobile Roaming Services” issued dated May 26, 2020 considering requests received from stakeholders for extension. Earlier, the date for receiving comments and counter comments from stakeholders was June 23, 2020 and counter comments by July 07, 2020 respectively.

However, TRAI has extended the date for submission of comments and counter comments are July 07, 2020 and July 21, 2020. The comments and counter comments may be forwarded to Shri Kaushal Kishore, Advisor (Finance & Economic Analysis) on the e-mail address advfeal@traigov.in.

[Press Release no. 39/2020]

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CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2020

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on June 23, 2020 issues the CERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2020. The regulation aims at setting up of method for tariff determination from renewable energy sources.

Applicability of the Regulation :

These regulations will apply to cases where tariff for a grid connected generating station or a unit thereof commissioned during the Control Period and based on renewable energy sources, is to be determined by the Commission under Section 62 read with Section 79 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Objectives of the Regulation:

- To determine tariff from renewable energy sources for the purchase of electricity from renewable energy such as hydro projects, biomass with ranking cycle, non-fossil-fuel based co-generation and biogas-based projects
- To carry out levelization for each technology taking into account a discount factor for time value of money.

[Notification No.: RA-14026(11)/4/2020-CERC]

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SEBI provides relaxation in processing of documents pertaining to FPI's

Jun 24, 2020 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 23, 2020 issued a circular for temporary relaxation in processing of documents pertaining to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI's) due to COVID-19 pandemic. Keeping in view the situation in the country, SEBI has decided to further extend the relaxation timeline from June 30, 2020 to August 31, 2020. The Designated Depository Participants (DDPs) & Custodians are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their FPI clients.

[SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/FPI&C/CIR/P/2020/104]

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EHS

Ministry of Home Affairs issues guidelines for Unlock 2 amid Covid-19

Jun 30, 2020 | Central | EHS



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on June 29, 2020 issues guidelines for Unlock 2 for Covid-19 in the country for the period upto July 31, 2020.

The essential guidelines are as follows:-

- All activities are permitted outside containment zone except Schools, colleges and educational institute, International air travel Metro rail Cinema hall gymnasium, theatres swimming pool etc
- Any kind of large congregations would be prohibited.
- Night curfew would continue to be imposed between 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- In containment zone, lockdown shall continue till July 31, 2020 and only essential activities would be allowed
- Movement of individual would be regulated as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Arogya Setu is mandatory for all employees working in offices
- Use of face covers and masks would be mandatory.
- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible.
- Any person violating these measures would be liable to be penalized under Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- All the District Magistrate should strictly enforce the order.
- Work From Home (WFH) should be followed as far as possible and continuous sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities should be ensured.

[Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I-(A)]

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Delhi

Government of Delhi extends timeline for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1

Jun 30, 2020 | Delhi | Finance & Taxation

The Delhi Finance Revenue Department June 25, 2020, extends the time line for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Delhi Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months from April, 2020 to September, 2020 till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

This Notification is valid from March 23, 2020.

[Notification No. F.2 (275)/POLICY-GST/2020/936]

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Haryana

Haryana Interest Subvention Scheme, 2020

Jun 30, 2020 | Haryana | Finance & Taxation

The Haryana Finance Department on June 24, 2020 issues the Haryana Interest Subvention Scheme, 2020. This scheme was implemented to provide loans to the weaker section of the society and to boost the economic activities in the times of financial crises due to COVID-19.

These following verticals are covered under the Interest Subvention Scheme, 2020:

- For DRI loan the applicant shall be a major in Haryana and the family income shall not be more than 18,000 in the rural areas and 24,000 in the semi-urban areas.
- 2 percent p.a. interest subvention shall be provided by the Haryana Government on behalf of the borrower.
- Shishu loan under Mudra is applicable to all the people who are major in the State of Haryana and have LLP's or their firms.
- 2 percent p.a. subvention interest shall be provided under the scheme.
- Education loan is applicable to all the students who were not able to pay the loans due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.
- Three months of education loan interest from period April 2020 to June 2020 shall be paid by the Government of Haryana.

[Notification No: IFCC/Acctt/2020/1583]

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Government of Haryana develops Rozgar portal to enhance employment in the State

Jun 25, 2020 | Haryana | Labour

The Haryana Chief Inspector of Factories on June 19, 2020 has developed [rozgar portal](#) to enable interaction between job seeker and industries situated in Haryana. This portal has the data of skilled and unskilled job seeker so that industries interested in hiring from this manpower may navigate on this portal for desired skill sets generating employment in the State.

The Employment Department are directed to motivate and instruct the industries and establishments to use this portal for hiring.

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Goa

Entertainment Society of Goa grants approval for resumption of film shooting

Jun 30, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The Entertainment Society of Goa on June 22, 2020 grants permission for film shootings operation subject to Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and general guidelines during Covid-19 pandemic. The concerned line producer should strictly enforce general guidelines in order to carry out film and other types of shooting in the State of Goa. The permissions for films shooting are granted by this office to the line producers to carry out film and other shootings at any location in the state of Goa.

Important highlights to be followed by the crew:-

- Arogya Setu is mandatory for all crew members.
- Shooting should be preferred in less crowded areas.
- No shooting in containment zone.
- No pregnant women allowed on set.
- Government may intimate any change in any requirements to issue film shooting permissions.

[Circular no: 19-20/FS/AGLPA/2506]

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Goa Department of Information and Publicity adopts new method for delivery of press release and advertisement release order to media houses

Jun 30, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The Department of Information and Publicity of Goa on June 22, 2020 adopts new method for delivery of press release and advertisement release order to media houses via emails and has discontinued the existing pattern of hand delivery of press release. To streamline the process, the process of receiving request via email is adopted.

All the Department and Autonomous bodies are requested to forward their advertisement request on mail to dir-dip.goa@nic.in or dipadvdt@gmail.com. No hard copies will be accepted after June 25, 2020.

[Circular NO. DI/Advt/Advt/180/2018-19/Circular/969]

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Goa Department of Tourism allows hotels to open after giving a self-declaration form

Jun 26, 2020 | Goa | Industry Specific

The Goa Department of Tourism on June 08, 2020 has allowed hotels, restaurants and hospitality services to adhere to the guidelines mentioned in the Statement of Procedure (SOP) given by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) issued dated June 04, 2020. The businesses shall open from June 08, 2020 and all the hotels are required to submit a self-declaration form on the [portal online](#) and at the [website](#) of the Department of Tourism.

[Circular No: N 5/3(535)/2020-DT/38]

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Goa SPCB grants consent of operation to industries with certain conditions stipulated

Jun 26, 2020 | Goa | EHS

The Goa State Pollution Control Board (Goa SPCB) on June 23, 2020 grants consent to industries and units with certain conditions. The purpose is to remove backlogs of applications made by industries for grant of consent under the present situation of Covid-19.

For this purpose, the Government has set certain conditions therein:

- The units that have applied for fresh Consent to Operate may be granted Consent for a period of 6 months with a condition to inform the Board on resumption of the operation and / or apply for renewal on expiry of the Consent validity or consider site inspection on resumption of normal situation.
- The units that have applied for Renewal of the Consent to Operate and have no complaints, Court matter and non-compliance history, etc. against the unit be granted consent for full eligible validity with a condition to inform the Board on resumption of the operation.
- Applications received for fresh Consent to Operate from the unit of small green category industries like guest house having rooms up to 10 nos. may be granted Consent for full validity.
- In case of Consent to Establish applications, temporary structures like shacks and cottages, restaurants and guest houses having rooms up to 10 nos. and the units are in Industrial Estate shall be processed with internal reports and the Consent may be granted.
- Complaints falling under the purview of the Board are to be inspected, with intimation to the complainant to accompany the inspection.

[Circular No. I/5/20-PCB/Vol.XXVI/Admn./3726]

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Uttar Pradesh

Government of Uttar Pradesh issues new guidelines for Unlock 2.0

Jun 30, 2020 | Uttar Pradesh | EHS

The State Government of Uttar Pradesh on June 30, 2020 issues measures to be taken to prevent spread of Covid-19 in the phase of Unlock 2. These steps aim at increasing health infrastructure for Covid-19. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the government must be followed. The government has also directed the use of insecticides to prevent crop damage by insects. Every individuals must maintain social distancing norms and use of mask. All activities outside the containment zone would be permitted. The State Government also emphasized upon resuming mining activities to ensure adequate economy during the time of Covid-19 pandemic.

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Gujarat

GPCB directs all entities to furnish relevant information regarding cattle farms and Gaushalas

Jun 30, 2020 | Gujarat | EHS

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) on June 20, 2020 has directed all private operators, co-operative societies or other entities not falling within the jurisdiction of Local Bodies to furnish the relevant information regarding all Cattle Farms, Dairy Farms, Gaushalas in the State of Gujarat in the prescribed format available on the [website](#) of the Board. All the environmental norms prescribed by different agencies must be complied for maintenance of such units.

These units should submit the duly filled information in the prescribed format to the Regional Offices of concerned Districts of the Gujarat Pollution Control Board latest by June 30, 2020.

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Gujarat Commissioner of Tourism issues guidelines for recognition or renewal or extension of Adventure Tour Operators

Jun 26, 2020 | Gujarat | Industry Specific

The Gujarat Commissioner of Tourism on June 24, 2020 issues guidelines for recognition or renewal or extension of Adventure Tour Operators (ATO). The objective of these guidelines is to encourage quality standard and service in the Adventure Tourism Category by recognizing or registering qualified Adventure Tourism Operator based in Gujarat so as to promote tourism. This is a voluntary scheme open to all bonafide Adventure Tour Operators to bring them in organized sector

The following are the important key points of the guidelines:

- The application for recognition or registration shall be submitted online.
- The application for renewal or extension shall also be submitted online.
- The renewal or extension thereafter shall be granted for five years after Inspection conducted by the same Committee mentioned below, on an application made by the ATO along with the requisite fee or documents.
- The ATO must adhere to the safety guidelines prescribed by the State Government.
- The recognition or renewal or extension would be granted to the Office of ATO in Gujarat. The Branch Offices of ATO would be approved along with head office or subsequently, provided particulars of Branch Offices are submitted for recognition and for renewal or extension.
- In addition to having an element of risk, adventure sports are usually undertaken in remote areas, often inaccessible by road. In order to minimize the risks, it must be ensured that adequate safety measures are adopted by all agencies conducting adventure sports especially where tourists are involved. Rescue arrangements also must be speedily put into operation to minimize loss of life and limb in the event of mishaps.
- ATOs are encouraged for getting certifications such as Adventure Tourism Safety Management System per IS/ISO 21101:2014 from Bureau of India Standards or equivalent competent and established Bodies.
- ATO should have qualified staff to handle the operations. Since adventure has an in - built risk factor, the Clients/ATOs should be covered by insurance. This insurance is termed as "Special Contingency Policy". It is specific to cover the risk factor of the Client/ATO, i.e. it covers accidental deaths, loss of limbs and/or eyes and permanent/partial disability.

[Notification no- NO. TRS/NTP/ADVENTURETOURISM/2020/98]

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh PCB levies environmental compensation charges against Healthcare Facilities

Jun 30, 2020 | Andhra Pradesh | EHS

The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) has directed all the concerned Regional officers to inform all the Health Care Establishments (HCFs) and Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities (CBMWTF) to follow the guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on Management of Healthcare Waste as per Bio Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the provisions to levy of Environmental Compensation charges against them.

This is to initiate action against the defaulting HCFs and CBMWTFs in respective jurisdiction and submit action taken report to the concerned Zonal Office to levy Environmental Compensation charges as per CPCB guidelines. The concerned officers are directed to submit proposals to the Board office along with the details of Environmental compensation charges can be levied against the defaulting HCFs & CBMWTFs as per CPCB Guidelines.

[Notice No. 18/APPCB/BMW/NGT.O.A.710-713/2020]

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Orissa

Orrisa Directorate of Medical Education and Training issues guidelines for health care facilities

Jun 29, 2020 | Orissa | Industry Specific

The Directorate of Medical Education and Training of Orrisa on June 24, 2020 issues guidelines for prevention of infection and control measures at health care facility in the State. The guidelines have been issued both for staff and patients in hospitals.

The guidelines are as follows:

- All hospitals shall follow the advisory for managing Health Care Workers working in Covid-19 and Non-Covid areas of the hospital issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- All private hospitals should ensure the completion of training on infection prevention and control measures
- All private hospitals must submit the name of nodal officer with his/her phone no. and email address to dph.orissa@gmail.com
- No public transport should be allowed for transportation of Covid-19 patients.
- The cost of Management of Health Care Workers who contacts Covid-19 infection during the course of their duty in any private hospital will be borne by the concerned hospital.

[Order no- DMET-Misc-1/2020-11759]

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Maharashtra

Government of Maharashtra extends the date for filing returns and taxes by the employees

Jun 27, 2020 | Maharashtra | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Maharashtra on June 22, 2020, extends the due date for filing returns under the Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trade, Callings and Employments Act, 1975.

Employers who could not pay taxes or upload returns due to COVID-19 pandemic.	Returns for any period up to the month of June, 2020.	Whole of late fee payable, in respect of the return.	a) Return shall be filed on or before July 31, 2020 on the website of the Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax Department. b) Tax payable as per return, shall be paid before filing of return. c) Interest on tax payable as per return shall be paid before filing of return.
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[Notification No. PFT 1220/ C.R.-13/Taxation-3]

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Nagaland

Nagaland Directorate of Health and Family Welfare issues proper use of PPE by frontline workers by various settings

Jun 27, 2020 | Nagaland | EHS

The Nagaland Directorate of Health and Family Welfare on June 25, 2020 issues Notice for proper use of the recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by frontline workers by various settings to protect frontline workers from infection in the various workplace settings, a guideline was issued where advice on the type of PPE to use in various settings. This guideline is for health care workers and others working in points of entries (POEs), quarantine centers, hospital, laboratory and primary health care or community settings. The guideline uses setting approach to guide on the type of personal protective equipment to be used in different settings.

All frontier workers should use the appropriate PPE for the correct setting and follow guideline on the correct way to use and dispose. Any breach of PPE should be immediately reported so that testing can be done as per protocol.

[Notification No. DHFW/COVID-19-20/2005-07]

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Himachal Pradesh

Government of Himachal Pradesh rationalizes subsidy to electricity consumers

Jun 26, 2020 | Himachal Pradesh | Industry Specific

The Himachal Pradesh Information and Public Relations on June 25, 2020 has decided to rationalize the subsidy to electricity consumers in the State. The government provides subsidy of approximately Rs. 450 crores every year of which only 18% goes to 11 lakh consumers consuming electricity less than 125 units per month while the rest goes to 9 lakh consumers with consumption more than 125 units per month.

To rationalize the subsidy pattern across the consumers, the government has ensured that consumers with low consumption have little or no impact at all in their monthly bills. So, the subsidy pattern for 11 lakh consumers consuming less than 125 units per month has not been altered at all. Almost four lakh consumers with consumption of 125- 200 units per month would have impact of Rs. 40-113 in their monthly bills. Rest of the consumers would have proportionate increase in their monthly bills as per the consumption.

Government has taken this step to ensure that the relative benefit of subsidy should reach more to the consumers with low consumption pattern while others should also focus on optimal usage of the electricity.

[Press Release No. 841 /2020-PUB]

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Himachal Pradesh Transport Department allows buses and other transports to operate within the State

Jun 26, 2020 | Himachal Pradesh | EHS

The Transport Department of Himachal Pradesh on May 30, 2020 allows stage carriage buses to operate within the boundaries of the State from 7.00 AM to 7.00 PM subject to the following conditions:

- The District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police shall provide adequate police force for crowd management and law & order maintenance at all bus stands.
- To maintain social distancing and avoid overcrowding in above said buses, the occupancy shall be maintained at no more than 60%.
- All safety protocols of Health Department shall be followed by driver, conductor and passengers.
- No standing passengers shall be allowed in the buses during journey.
- No e-pass shall be required for inter and intra district movement. However, for interstate journey passengers must have e-pass issued by the District Magistrate.

These orders shall be applicable in the State of Himachal only. All guidelines, protocols advisories and orders in relation to management of COVID-19 issued from time to time under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Disaster Management Act, 2005 shall be complied. Any violation of these orders shall be subject to prosecution under relevant provisions of the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and such other laws as may be applicable.

Along with Buses, motor cabs, maxi cabs, auto-rickshaws and e-rickshaws shall also be allowed to operate.

[Notification No. TPT-F (10)-5/2020]

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Assam

Labour Department of Assam increases VDA for certain categories of workers

Jun 26, 2020 | Assam | Labour

The Labour Commissioner of Assam on June 23, 2020 increases Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) in the State for certain categories of workers under the 98 Schedules Employment. All the stakeholders and establishments must comply with this order.

Followings are the category of employees or workers along with the respective VDA on Monthly and daily basis:-

Category of Employees/Workers	VDA/Month	VDA/DAY
Unskilled workers	Rs 310.80	Rs 10.36
Semi skilled/ Unskilled supervisory	Rs 363.00	Rs 12.10
Skilled workers/Clerical workers	Rs 453.60	Rs15.12
Highly skilled workers-	Rs 583.20	Rs19.44

[Notification No. MWC.3/93/Pt-II/6399]

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Assam Taxation (Liquidation of Arrear Dues) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

Jun 26, 2020 | Assam | Finance & Taxation

The State Government of Assam on May 30, 2020 issues the Assam Taxation (Liquidation of Arrear Dues) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 further amending the Assam Taxation (Liquidation of Arrear Dues) Act, 2005.

The amendments are made in the Schedule, Assam Taxation (Liquidation of Arrear Dues) Act, 2005:

■ The total amount of outstanding dues of payment made on or before July 31, 2020, 100 % of arrear tax and 15% of arrear interest. Total penalty shall be waived off, provided that the total penalty and interests amount to 30%, total penalty shall be waived off. If the total outstanding dues consist of only penalty amount, 50% of penalty shall be included.

It shall remain in force till July 31, 2020.

[Notification No: LGL.36/2005/82]

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Bihar

Tourism Department of Bihar issues circular for free registration of all hotels and restaurants

Jun 26, 2020 | Bihar | Industry Specific

The Tourism Development Corporation of Bihar on June 12, 2020 directs all hotels, restaurants to register themselves on the website of Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (BSTDCL). For the purpose of registration, an application is available on the official website of BSTDCL. Details are available on the official [website](#) of the department.

This whole process would provide a common platform to all establishments thereby enabling them to connect with the tourism sector ensuring security and well-being of all the tourists. Apart from this, it would also enable the tourism department to issue necessary guidelines easily. The listed establishments can also be listed with International tour and travel agencies conveniently. The listed establishments would also get special courtesy from tourism department thereby promoting tourism in the State.

The registration process would be free of cost.

[Notification no - 23/2020-1083]

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Bihar Tax Commissioner appoints the date on which provisions of Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 shall come into force

Jun 24, 2020 | Bihar | Finance & Taxation

The Bihar Tax Commissioner on June 22, 2020 appoints a date on which the provisions of Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 issued vide [Notification No. S.O. 125](#) shall come into force. It has appointed June 08, 2020 on which the provisions of such Rules shall come into force.

[Notification No. S.O. 130]

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Bihar Tax Commissioner extends the timeline for notice issuance for rejection of refund claim

Jun 24, 2020 | Bihar | Finance & Taxation

The Bihar Tax Commissioner on June 22, 2020 has decided to extend the time limit for issuance of order in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Bihar Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017 falls during the period from March 20, 2020 to June 29, 2020. The time limit for such notices has been extended for 15 days after the receipt of reply to the notice from the registered person or June 30, 2020, whichever is later.

[Notification No: S.O. 131]

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Bihar Tax Commissioner extends the validity period of e-way bill till June 30, 2020

Jun 24, 2020 | Bihar | Finance & Taxation

The Bihar Tax Commissioner on June 22, 2020 amends the notification issued vide [Notification No. S.O. 129](#) dated June 09, 2020 regarding e-way bill.

It is specified that where an e-way bill has been generated under Rule 138 of the Bihar Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 on or before March 24, 2020 and whose validity has expired on or after March 20, 2020, the validity period of such e-way bill shall be deemed to have been extended till the June 30, 2020.

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West Bengal

West Bengal Pharmacy Council allows 20 pharmacists for three days

Jun 26, 2020 | West Bengal | Industry Specific

The West Bengal Pharmacy Council on June 24, 2020 has issued a notice to all the pharmacist allowing 20 pharmacists instead of 10 pharmacists for three days i.e. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday along with prior appointment. People shall visit the office wearing masks, gloves and shall maintain social distancing.

[Notice No: WBPC-218/P]

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Government of West Bengal extends lockdown in the state till July 31, 2020

Jun 25, 2020 | West Bengal | Labour

The State Government of West Bengal on June 24, 2020 has decided to extend the lockdown across the containment zones in the state till July 31, 2020 to control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. As per the government instructions, schools and colleges will remain closed for the time being. Also, trains and metros will remain suspended during this period.

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Jammu Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir Poultry Policy, 2020

Jun 26, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Industry Specific

The Jammu and Kashmir Department of Animal Husbandry on June 19, 2020 issues guidelines related to Jammu and Kashmir Poultry Policy, 2020. These guidelines will remain in force co-terminus with the Jammu and Kashmir Poultry Policy-2020, or till further order, whichever is earlier.

These guidelines are applicable to all new farmers, individual entrepreneurs, NGOs, companies, cooperatives, groups of unorganised and organized sector which include Self Help Groups (SHGs) etc. The units involved in other poultry are also eligible.

The objectives of the guidelines to define framework and lay down a set of rules and procedures with respect to Jammu and Kashmir Poultry Policy 2020. The guidelines explain the process of availing various incentives laid down in the Poultry Policy 2020. It also defines the process of registration of various entities interested to invest in Poultry sector in J&K. The guidelines aim to reduce administrative and procedural delays by detailing out the complete process required by the new units and also a procedure for reconciliation of disputes with a view to improving and developing the poultry sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Joint director, poultry Jammu and Kashmir will be the nodal officer for all issues related to poultry.

[Notification No.: DAHK/tech/P/S-44/2322-44]

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Kashmir Department of Animal Husbandry issues order for providing all dairy farmers of Milk Cooperatives and Milk Producers

Jun 26, 2020 | Jammu Kashmir | Industry Specific

The Jammu and Kashmir Department of Animal Husbandry on June 12, 2020 issues order providing all dairy farmers of Milk Cooperatives and Milk Producers with Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs). The objective is to cover all farmers who are members of dairy cooperative societies and are associated with different Milk Unions and who do not have KCC.

■ Milk Unions will need to get the KCC forms printed and get them filed by the farmers by utilizing the services of Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS) Bank Mitras under SRLM. They will certify that the farmer whose details are given below has specific numbers of cattle and has been supplying milk to the Milk Union and that their milk payment is being done through BDT in the account number mentioned in the form. The filing of KCC forms for all former members should be completed within 15 days by the Milk Unions and submitted to the Bank branches to give the banks time to complete issue of KCC in time.

■ The Milk Union can also enter into a no cost service agreement with the bank to pay the bank dues timely so that the farmers can avail of the additional 3% interest subvention payable in case of prompt repayment as well as the enhanced collateral free credit limit.

■ To ensure prompt processing and approvals, dedicated desks may be set up in the branches, wherever feasible for receiving forms and providing appropriate guidance to the farmers.

■ It needs to be ensured that eligible beneficiaries of PM-KISAN and farmers engaged in dairy, poultry and fisheries are issued KCC within the shortest possible time and in any case within a maximum period of two weeks from the date of submission of the completed applications forms, after due process and verification as per Bank policy and regulatory guidelines.

[Notification No. DAHK/Tech/K-38/2125-38]

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Meghalaya

Government of Meghalaya issues guidelines for shops to contain the spread of Covid-19 in Umshyrpi bridge, Shillong

Jun 24, 2020 | Meghalaya | Industry Specific

The State Government of Meghalaya on June 20, 2020 has issued guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the State. All shops opening from fixed premise will be open from 8 am to 8 pm in Shillong Urban Agglomeration including areas falling under Umshyrpi Bridge. This order specifies mandatory norms for hotels, restaurants, shopping mall and complexes in the state.

This Order will not apply to areas falling under Police Bazaar, G.S. Road, Keating Road, Jail Road, Cantonment, Jeep Stand, Garikhana, Paltan Bazaar, Motphran and Lewduh.

- In shopping mall no loitering would be allowed.
- Entry into the mall shall be based on a token system to adhere to the maximum capacity.
- Lifts should not be used except in case of disabled persons or in medical emergency
- Gaming arcades, cinema halls and children play will remain close
- All essential services would be allowed
- Only in-situ construction allowed
- Services like petrol pump, car repairing, construction activities etc would remain operational

All hotels, restaurants and other establishment must adhere to Standard Operating Procedure issued by the Government to contain the spread of Covid-19.

[Order No. C&S.7/2020/ Vol IX/111]

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Government of Meghalaya issues SOP for shops to prevent spread of Covid-19

Jun 24, 2020 | Meghalaya | Industry Specific

The Commissioner of Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya on June 20, 2020 issues Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for COVID-19 pandemic and announced that shops from fixed stalls in the market in Lewduh shall be resumed from June 22, 2020. The SOP and mandatory guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) must be complied by all shopkeepers.

Shopkeepers must adhere to the following:-

- Social distancing must be ensured
- Area of the shop should not be overcrowded
- Spitting is prohibited
- Violation of any of the norms of Covid-19 will attract legal actions.

[Order No. C&S.7/2020/Vol IX/114]

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Government of Meghalaya issues precautionary measures for health care facilities

Jun 24, 2020 | Meghalaya | EHS

The State Government of Meghalaya on June 19, 2020 issues precautionary measures for health care facilities to prevent spread of Covid-19.

The following norms must be complied in Hospitals:

- Hospital should activate its Hospital Infection Control Committee targeting control of infection
- Respiratory etiquettes must be followed
- Regular screening of staff should be done
- Social distancing must be ensured
- Area of the hospital should not be overcrowded
- Spitting is prohibited
- Chemo-prophylaxis must be provided to workers
- Personal Protective Equipment and N95 mask must be used at all times
- Cases should be classified as high risk and low risk and should be dealt accordingly.

[Order No. Health .99/2020/Pt. II/14]

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Government of Meghalaya promulgates night curfew in the State

Jun 24, 2020 | Meghalaya | Labour

The State Government of Meghalaya on June 20, 2020 promulgates curfew keeping in mind the current situation due to Covid-19. Consequently, the movement of individual would be restricted during the time of night curfew. The timing of curfew would be 9 PM to 5 AM each day. This curfew would be valid from June 22, 2020 up to June 30, 2020 every day. The protocols issued by the Government of Meghalaya must be strictly complied.

Certain services such as those of government or services for delivery of foods etc would be exempted. Movement of vehicles carrying essential goods, security forces, shops for truck repair and medical equipments are exempted.

The curfew passes can be obtained via [online application](#).

[Order No. C&S.3/2009/PT.II/226]

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Chhattisgarh

Government of Chandigarh extends timeline for installation of mandatory Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant till March 31, 2021

Jun 24, 2020 | Chhattisgarh | Industry Specific

The Government of Chandigarh on June 18, 2020 has decided to extend the deadline for installation of mandatory Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant for existing residential and non-residential buildings in Chandigarh up to **March 31, 2020** under the Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952. This should be treated as last extension and no further extension shall be granted beyond aforesaid date and strict action can be taken against the persons failing to comply with the Building Bye-Laws of Chandigarh.

[Order No. 11/2/70-UTFI (4)-2020]

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