

**Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice**

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGP's, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/337

Dated: Chandigarh, the 29th day of April, 2020.

Sub: Corrigendum dated 24th April 2020 to MHA guidelines dated 15.04.2020 regarding opening of shops,

Kindly refer to this office letter No.SS/ACSH/2020/313 dated 18.04.2020 (copy enclosed) vide which the consolidated revised guidelines for containment of COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India vide its Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) of 15.04.2020, which were to be implemented w.e.f. 20.04.2020, were circulated for compliance.

2. MHA has issued 4th corrigendum dated 24th April 2020 and also a press release (copies enclosed) with regard to opening of shops and has clarified as following:
 - I. The word 'shopping complexes' is replaced with 'market complexes' within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities meaning thereby that activities in market complexes will continue to remain prohibited till 03.05.2020.
 - II. In rural areas, all shops registered under the Shops & Establishment Act except those in multi-brand and single-brand malls are allowed to open with 50% strength of workers.
 - III. In urban areas, all stand-alone shops, neighbourhood shops and shops in residential complexes are allowed to open. Shops in markets, market complexes and shopping malls are not allowed to open.
 - IV. Shops which have been allowed to open are those shops which deal in goods only and shops/ establishments dealing in services like saloons, barber shops etc. would continue to remain closed.
 - V. e-Commerce companies will continue to be permitted for essential goods only
 - VI. Sale of liquor continues to be prohibited.

3. 4th Corrigendum of MHA dated 24th April 2020 applies to shops other than those shops/establishments dealing with essential commodities, which are regulated under Clause 13 without any restrictions.

4. The issue of opening of shops has been considered in detail and it is decided that all the districts should allow opening of shops as per the guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, but they should do so in a staggered way on rotation, maintaining uniform timings from 7 am to 11 am only. Since during the period of opening of shops, common man would be allowed to go out to procure essential commodities, complete COVID prevention measures such as social distancing, use of sanitisers, use of masks etc. should be strictly complied with and thereafter, not only curfew should be enforced strictly, no one should be allowed to open shops or move around without prior permission of the Competent Authority.

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29.04.2020

CC:

1. CPS/CM
2. CS
3. PSCM
4. DGP Punjab
5. ADGP-Law & Order

- Encl.: (i) Corrigendum 4th of MHA dated 24th April 2020
(ii) Press release dated 24th April 2020 relating to 4th corrigendum
(iii) This office letter No.SS/ACSH/2020/313 dated 18.04.2020 forwarding Consolidated revised guidelines dated 15.04.2020 of MHA to be implemented w.e.f. 20.04.2020.
(iv) Up-dated consolidated guidelines(as on 27.04.2020).