

**Rev (DMC) (C) 20-212021 — COVID 19 — III**  
**Government of Himachal Pradesh**  
**Disaster Management Cell Shimla — 171002**

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Corrigendum**

Whereas, to prevent the spread of covid-19 pandemic SEC on dated 15.05.2021 has extended restrictions imposed in shape of "Corona Curfew" vide SEC order dated 05-05-2021 were extended till **6 AM of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

Whereas, Director Food and Civil Supplies, GoHP, in compliance of instructions from Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (GOI) (Annexure-A) has requested to allow the operation of Fair Price Shops as per notification issued by Department of Food and Civil supplies dated 22-04-2021 (Annexure-B) in public interest.

Therefore, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman (SEC), exercising the powers conferred under section 22(2)(h) and section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 hereby directs that the timings for opening of Fair Price Shops under targeted Public Distribution System in all districts will be as per 22-04-2021 notification (Annexure-B) of F&CS Department GoHP. These shops will ensure all COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, safety measures and SOPs issued by the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Government of Himachal Pradesh.

This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the State for the period as aforementioned.

**Approved by**

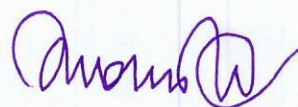
**Chief Secretary cum Chairperson,  
State Executive Committee, Himachal Pradesh.**

**To**

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director I & PR for wider dissemination.

**Copy for information to:**

1. The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Principal PS to Hon'ble Chief Minister-cum-Chairperson, HPSDMA.
3. Press Secretary to Hon'ble CM, Himachal Pradesh.



**Director-cum-Spl. Secretary (Rev.-DM) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.**

By E-mail

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Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001,

Dated 15/05/2021

To,

The Principal Secretary / Secretary,  
Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
All States/UTs.

Sub:- Operation of FPSs for adequate duration during the COVID period etc.-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform that representations are being received in this Department stating that during the current lock-down in some States/UTs, Fair Price Shop (FPSs) timings have been curtailed due to which the intended beneficiaries might not be getting adequate time to lift their entitled foodgrains.

2. The Government of India has taken pro-poor measures to minimize the economic hardships being faced by the NFSA beneficiaries during the second wave of Covid-19 by providing them additional foodgrain for the month of May-June 2021 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY III), free of cost, @ 5 kg per person per to all NFSA ration card holders to ensure the food security of around 80 crore poor and needy beneficiaries covered under NFSA apart from regular foodgrain distribution under TPDS as per norms of NFSA, so that they do not suffer on account of non-availability of foodgrains during the ongoing period of crisis.
3. Considering the obligation to be fulfilled on the part of the States/UTs to ensure that this additional foodgrain is to be made available to all the beneficiaries in a safe and time bound manner, duly observing COVID -19 protocol, it becomes all the more imperative to ensure that adequate time is provided to both the FPSs and the beneficiaries alike to carryout the necessary transactions.
4. Hence all States/UTs are advised to ensure the opening of FPSs for distribution of PMGKAY and NFSA foodgrains preferably on all days of the month. FPS dealers should prominently display the minimum requisite information on all required aspects, including available grievance redressal mechanism.
5. Distribution of foodgrains may be done in a staggered manner throughout the day to avoid accumulation/queuing up of large number of beneficiaries/persons at the FPSs/one place at any time.

6. States/UTs may take necessary action to ensure that FPSs are exempted from the restricted hours of opening of regular market, as foodgrains are covered under essential items. Appropriate social distancing, hygiene may be observed and the presence/visits of non-essential persons at FPSs etc. should be avoided.
7. In view of the above, it is advised to take all the necessary steps for timely distribution of foodgrains without causing any hardships to the beneficiaries.
8. Wide publicity may be given to this measure in local and vernacular language in all parts of the state using all media platforms.

Signature Not Verified Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by RAJESH KUMAR  
PANDER Secretary to Govt. of India  
Date: 2021.05.15 18:53:39 IST

Department of Food Civil Supplies &  
Consumer Affairs, HP Shimla-9

**NOTIFICATION**


In exercise of the powers vested in me under sub clause 14 of Clause 7 of the HP Specified Essential Commodities (Regulation of Distribution) Order 2019, the timings for opening and closing of Fair Price Shops under Targeted Public Distribution System in all districts of Himachal Pradesh are hereby fixed as under in public interest:-

1. Working Hours-10.00AM to 1.00PM
2. Lunch Hours- 1.00PM to 2.00PM
3. Working Hours- 2.00PM to 5.00 PM
4. Working Hours on Sunday: 9.30 AM to 6.30 PM (Summer)  
9.30 AM to 6.00 PM (Winter)

The Fair Price Shops will remain closed on every Monday.

The Fair Price Shop holder shall have to display above timings on Notice Board displayed in Fair Price Shop premises. Fair Price Shop can be closed under unavoidable circumstances only, after displaying reasons on the Notice Board for the information of general consumers. The Fair Price Shop holder shall also have to give prior and proper intimation about the reasons for closure of Fair Price Shop to concerned Inspector, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs or the concerned Distt. Controller, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

These orders shall come into force with effect from 01.05.2021.

  
22/4/21  
(Ram Kumar Gautam) IAS  
Director, Food, Civil Supplies &  
Consumer Affairs, Shimla-9 H.P.  
Dated 22, April, 2021

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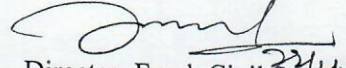
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Dated

22, April, 2021

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1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs HP Shimla-2.
2. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Registrar Cooperative Societies HP Shimla-09
4. The Managing Director, HP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Shimla.
5. The Controller, Printing and Stationary HP Shimla-5 for printing in Government Gazette.
6. The Director, Information & Public Relation HP Shimla-2 for wide publicity.
7. The Joint Director, North Zone Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra HP.
8. All the Distt. Controllers, Food Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs in HP for information and necessary action
9. All the officers in Directorate.
10. The Statistical Assistant,/Incharge, ePDS Directorate, FCS&CA for uploading on departmental website.

  
22/4/21  
Director, Food, Civil Supplies &  
Consumer Affairs, Shimla-9 H.P.