## ORDER

In continuation of this office memo No. 1393/ MA Dated 28-03-2020 and memo No. 3995-4016/JD (AE) dated 27-03-2020 of Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana. As the harvesting of various crops is going to commence shortly, the following directions/guidelines are hereby issued for the people engaged in the harvesting for their safety and to prevent the transmission of this COVID-19 as well:-

1. It should be ensured that the maximum use of Agricultural machinery be made for

harvesting. The manual harvesting will be used as last option.

2. It should be ensured that the operator of agricultural machinery should sanitize himself along with the machine to be used for harvesting while entering the field to rule out any possibility of the transmission of corona virus. In case of manual harvesting the tools should be sanitized with sanitizer/ soap at least 3-5 times a day. The tool used by a person should not be used by other.

- 3. The social distancing be followed strictly during harvesting, for e.g. there should be a distance of at least 3 metres between the persons while taking meals. Each person should keep his utensils separately and be washed/ cleaned with soap water after use.
- 4. To operate combine harvesters (Self propelled) there should not be more than 2 to 5 person.
- The clothes once used during harvesting should not be worn again without washing/ drying properly.
- 6. Arrangements for drinking water & other eatable items be made for each person separately.
- Masks, Gloves should be used during harvesting. The head of the harvesters may also becovered properly.
- 8. The passes be issued to the harvesters for their hassle free movement.
- The harvesters be provided with the helpline Numbers of the health workers/ police for emergency situations.
- 10. Any person with symptoms of fever, headache/ body ache/ cold /cough be kept away from work place immediately & nearby health officer be informed in this regard.
- 11. The above directions should also be followed during threshing operations also.
- 12. Last but not the least, the stubble burning should not take place after harvesting with combine as the pollution created will worsen the health problems further. The stubble burning is an offence and is prohibited under Air Pollution Act. The fodder of the wheat crop is mainly used for fodder; the burning of the same will also result in loss of fodder for the animals.
- Repair and distribution of necessary machines (for harvesting/ threshing) should be exempted during lockdown.
- 14. The combined harvester, threshers machines working timing between 08:00 AM to 06:00 PM every day.

These orders will be implemented till further order.

Superintendent of Police to direct all SHO's for strict implementation of the above modifications. The public in general are advised to implement of the modification.

Failure to obey these orders shall invite penal action under relevant provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other laws.

In view of requirement of the situation which has become emergent, this order, is being passed ex-parte, it shall be published for the information of public through the press and publicity van of public relations department and by affixing copy at notice board of District Courts, Zila Parishad, Sub Divisions, Tehsils, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committees, Panchayat Samities, Police Stations and Public Places.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 14th April, 2020.

(Mukul Kumar, IAS) Chairman, DDMA, Yamuna Nagar.

The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh

2. The Additional Chief Secretary & Financial Commissioner to Govt. of Haryana, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chandigarh.