An advisory for harvesting and transportation of arecanut etc. from North Garo Hills District.

In continuation of this office Order issued vide No.NGH/CON/COVID-19/17/2020/81, dated 22.04.2020, a separate advisory/ instruction is issued as Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for 5 (five) identified places, that is;

(i) Mendipathar bazaar.
(ii) Berubari (Bajengdoba).
(iii) Dainadubi.
(iv) Kharkutta.
(v) Adokgre.

1. Strict social/physical distance of about two or three meters shall be maintained while buying and selling arecanut and other agriculture-horticulture produces.

2. Masks to properly cover mouth and nose will be mandatorily used by all stakeholders and traders.

3. Sufficient water and hand wash will be kept in the market or the place of transaction and frequent hand washing is necessary.

4. Random and casual coughing, sneezing and spitting should not be done to avoid the risk of transmission of COVID-19 as the droplets from coughing, sneezing, spitting are the main source of transmission of COVID-19.

5. At any cost, crowding and congestion should not happen as the physical contact is to be avoided for safety of all.

6. If the proper place is not found in between Assam-Meghalaya border, another proper place may be identified by Block Development Officers in consultation with the local market committee, Nokma, Sordar, Headman within Meghalaya and if the place is to be shifted little bit to Assam side, the matter may be informed to the local Police of Assam.

7. As far as possible, coming of traders from Assam should be minimized. Only main persons necessary to effect transaction should be allowed to come and whoever come will have to mandatorily undergo medical screening first.
8. Betelnut, banana and other agriculture-horticulture produce in above mentioned five places are basically for North Garo Hills District. However, on the request, the traders or farmers of other districts can also be allowed to sell their produce but their participation should not be to the disadvantage of the farmers of North Garo Hills District.

9. In transaction place, an Executive Magistrate, Police Officer and Medical Team should be always there from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

10. Storage facility will be identified on Meghalaya side in each locations to enable the agriculture-horticulture produce to be kept there for next day in case their produce can not be sold.

11. No NGO, Union, Association, group etc. will be allowed to interfere or monopolize the market.

12. Depending on the situation, advisory or instruction will be issued from time to time.

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1. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Commissioner of Division for Garo Hills District, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, East/West/ South and South-West Garo Hills District for information.
4. The Superintendent of Police, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara information and necessary action.
5. All Block Development Officers, North Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
6. All Executive Magistrate, COVID-19 for information and necessary action.
7. The District Medical & Health Officer, North Garo Hills for information and necessary action.
8. The Executive Officer, Resubelpara Municipal Board, North Garo Hills for information and necessary action.
9. The District Horticulture North Garo Hills, Resubelpara for information and necessary action.
10. The Officer Incharge, Resubelpara/ Mendipathar/ Bajengdoba/ Kharkutta/ Adokgre/ Daimadubi Police Station/Outpost for information and necessary action.

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