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Interpretation of Essential Services And Their Delivery Beyond Curfew Timings

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from National Restaurant Association of India. As you are aware, many of our members are in the business of home delivery of cooked food from restaurant kitchens which is one of the **Essential Services** listed out by the Ministry of Home Affairs, in its orders dated 24th Mar and 26th Mar 2020. The relevant extract under point No. 4(e) and point (a) of Annexure respectively, grant exemption to services namely home delivery of cooked food is reproduced herein below:

“Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-commerce”

“Suppliers of essential goods, including Restaurants supplying home delivery of cooked food items”

2. Vide the **MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 17 May 2020**, supplying of cooked food items from Restaurants is also allowed as an essential services. It is relevant to point out Para 6 related to Night Curfew, the extracts of which are reproduced below:

“The movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 7.00 pm to 7.00 am, except for essential services.”

3. This is being interpreted across states to stop home delivery of cooked food from restaurants kitchens after 7.00 pm despite being an essential service. Majority of the customers who are ordering for home delivery are either forced to order well before 7.00 pm or not order, depriving them of home delivery services. This is further adding to the problems of the Restaurant Industry, which is fighting for its mere survival.



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4. It is earnestly requested that the correct interpretation of Para 6 of the ibid Order may be conveyed to all states so that people are not inconvenienced for their essential requirement of food and they may be allowed to order food after 7.00 pm and accordingly the restaurants be allowed to deliver food beyond 7.00 pm.

5. The above clarification will help restaurants in restarting their businesses smoothly, while complying with the guidelines/protocols issued for the same. We request for urgent consideration/action on the issue as stated above, for which we will be ever grateful.

Thanking You,

Sincerely,

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