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Royal Government of Bhutan



PRIME MINISTER

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

The Royal Government has adopted stringent measures to prevent and contain spread of COVID-19 through socio-economic activities that could trigger local transmission. Given that the Centenary Farmers Market (CFM) in Thimphu is a very a high-risk location, where large number of people gather regularly, the government has taken the following decisions to decongest the area.

1. Vegetables, cereals, livestock products and other items sold at the CFM shall be made available in respective zones.
2. Thimphu Thromde shall build appropriate outlets in all the zones, Thromde dhemkhongs and neighborhood nodes for allocation to interested vegetable vendors. However, preference shall be given to CFM vendors.
3. The construction of outlets in the zones shall be expedited and the works shall be immediately outsourced. Thromde shall explore all possibilities of engaging youth in the construction works.
4. To serve the zones falling within the core Thromde area, appropriate number of vegetable outlets may be relocated in the two multi-level car parks (MLCP) for as long as the demand of car parks remains suboptimal.
5. The remaining vendors shall operate from the CFM till outlets are allocated to the vendors in the zones. However, the vendors shall only operate on alternate days in order to ensure minimal crowding.
6. Continued employment of the present CFM staff shall be ensured.
7. Thromde may establish an entity to facilitate sourcing of vegetables from producers within Bhutan to ensure reliable supply to the outlets.

Issued for immediate compliance.



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