No. S-26/1/2020 - ECR&E  
Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110001  
Dated the 4th July, 2020

To  
The Principal Secretaries  
As per list attached.

Sub: Discontinuance of Face Masks and Hand Sanitizers as essential commodity under the Essential Commodities under the EC Act, 1955.

Sir,

I am directed to convey that as on date there are no adverse reports from the States/UTs, with respect to price or availability to continue face masks & hand sanitizers as essential commodities. Therefore, this Department has decided not to continue these items as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities under the EC Act, 1955 beyond 30.06.2020.

(Anand Joshi)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India  
Tel: 011-23386120  
anand.joshi28@gov.in