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 6th 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 Sates/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.

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