



COVID – 19: DAILY UPDATE

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ALL INDIA AGRI TRANSPORT CALL CENTRE NUMBERS FOR FACILITATING INTER-STATE MOVEMENT OF PERISHABLES DURING LOCKDOWN

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare via Press Release ID: 1614635, dated 15.04.2020 in public interest for facilitating the inter-state movement of perishables during the lockdown period has launched All India Agri Transport Call Centre at Krishi Bhavan.

The Call Centre Numbers are 1800 180 4200 and 14488 and these numbers can be called up via any mobile or landline phones at any hours of the day as it's a 24*7 service.

It is an initiative of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Government of India in order to provide coordination between states for easy inter-state movement of perishables likes Vegetables, Fruits, Agri-inputs like seeds, pesticides and fertilizers etc.

“Truck drivers and helpers, traders, retailers, transporters farmers, manufacturers or any other stakeholder who is facing problems in inter-state movement of agricultural, horticultural or any other perishable commodities besides seeds and fertilizers may seek help by calling at the Call Centre. Call Center Executives will forward the vehicle & consignment details along with the help needed, to State Government officials for resolution of issues.”

The aforesaid Press Release of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has come into force as a relief to all those who are a part of chain of supply of perishables by allowing the interstate movement and resolving the difficulties being faced during the said movement in order to make them available for customers. This is a great initiative to combat the difficulty and hardship being faced by every unit of the supply chain in making available the perishables during the unprecedented situation being caused by Pandemic COVID-19 in the Country.



**EXTENSION OF DATE OF FILING E-CHALLAN CUM RETURN FOR WAGE MONTH
MARCH, 2020 TO 15.05.2020**

The Ministry of Labour & Employment via Press Release ID: 1614747, dated 15.04.2020 pursuant the lockdown in the Country till 03.05.2020 has extended the date for filing of E-Challan Cum Return (ECR) for the month of March, 2020 till 15.05.2020 for the employers who have paid the wages for the said month to their employees.

“The above decision of Ministry of Labour and Employment is to support and provide relief to Employers of establishments which have disbursed wages for March, 2020 to its employees and an incentive to employers for wage payment to employees during COVID-19 pandemic. The move is in keeping with the objective of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana to prevent disruption in employment and ensure earning to employees to help them fight the pandemic.”

The Ministry via aforesaid Press Release has not only granted an extension of due date, it has also waived off the penalty or interest if the remittance is made on or before 15.05.2020.

This press release has come into force as a relief to those who have not been able to file the ECR due to complete lockdown in the Country and this being the genuine hardship the Ministry has waived off the penalty along with the extension of due date.

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