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To,

All Member Banks

12th Advisory regarding functioning of Bank Branches in Hotspot areas of Kerala

The Govt: of Kerala, vide Order G.O.(Ms)No.68/2020/H&FWD dt.19.04.2020, decided to identify the Hot Spot areas where the intensity of the disease is high. Such Hot Spot areas are being reviewed regularly and depending on the cases, there will be additions/deletions in the list. As of today, there are 84 Hot Spot areas in the State.

As per Order G.O.(Ms)No.80/2020/GAD dt.23.04.2020, the Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority is empowered to pass suitable orders with regard to identification of hotspot areas in the District and issue suitable restrictions.

Considering the issues faced by the Bankers in commuting, opening of branches in Hot Spot / Red Zone areas and other issues, a detailed discussion was held today with the Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and Planning Secretary, Govt: of Kerala.

Based on the above discussions, the following Advisory is issued:

1. In case the Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (District Collector) orders for complete closure including Banks in any specific Hot Spot areas, the branches operating in such specific Hot Spot areas shall remain closed.
2. Employees residing in Hot Spot areas where the District Administration has ordered for a complete shutdown may not be able to commute outside the Hot Spot locations and report to their working branches situated outside the Hot Spot areas due to the restrictions. In such an eventuality, Banks will have to make necessary arrangements to ensure that such Branches are suitably staffed and functioning.
3. Wherever the Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority relaxes the restrictions of complete closure in the Hot Spot areas, the branches shall resume normal functioning as advised in our earlier Advisory No.11 dt.22.04.2020 and Advisory No.9 dt.18.04.2020.
4. Since the Hot Spot identification is dynamic, in case the District Administration adds or deletes the location/s of the Hot Spot areas, Branches/Staff in such modified locations have to conduct accordingly.

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