Consulate General of India Phuentsholing

Report on Movement of Bhutanese at Indo-Bhutan Border Points Status Update at 1800 Hours on 18.03.2020

SI	Border Point	Problem/Issues/Status	Remarks
1.	Jaigaon (Alipurduar, West	No issues were reported	Movement of
	Bengal) – Phuentsholing	(bordering with West	people/vehicles as
	(Chhukha, Bhutan)	Bengal)	usual without any
2.	Chamurchi (Jalpaiguri,		issues.
	West Bengal) – Samste		
	(Bhutan)		
3.	Birpara (Alipurduar) –		
	Gomtu (Samste, Bhutan)		
4.	Birpara (Alipurduar) –		
	Pugli (Samste, Bhutan)		
5.	Loksan (Jalpaiguri, West		
	Bengal) – Bhimtar		
6.	Nagarkata (Jalpaiguri) –		
	Jiti (Bhutan)		
7.	Kulkuli (Alipurduar, West		
	Bengal) – Lhamoizingkha		
	(Bhutan)		
8.	Darranga (Baksa, Assam)	No issues were reported	Movement of
	– Samdrup Jongkhar	(bordering with Assam)	people/vehicles as
	(Bhutan side)		usual without any
9.	Bairabkunda (Udalguri,		issues.
	Assam) – Jomosangkha		
	(Samdrup Jongkhar,		
	Bhutan)		
10.	Dadgari/Deosiri (Baksa,		
	Assam) – Gelephu		
	(Sarpang)		
11.	Rangapani (Baksa,		
	Assam) – Nganglam (Pema		
	Gatshel, Bhutan)		
12.	Mathanguri (Assam) –		
	Panbang (Pema Gatshel,		
	Bhutan)		

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Report on movement of essential commodities to Bhutan. Status update at 1800 hrs on 18.03.2020

S1. No.	Details of essential items	Status/Issues/Remarks
01	Fuel	As per Senior Dungpa, Dungkhag Administration, Phuentsholing, who is nodal officer looking after supply of
02	Medicine	essential commodities into Bhutan through Phuentsholing, supplies of essential commodities is continuing without any difficulties. Also the Indian truck drivers entering Bhutan carrying essential commodities/ other goods are being screened by thermal device at the entry gate. They are not being advised/sent for self quarantine.
03	Food Items	CEO, FCB, based in Phuentsholing has also confirmed that currently there are no difficulties in bringing essential food items to Bhutan from India. However, he mentioned that in the consignments likely to come in next few days, he might have to send FCB's official trucks to rice mills near Silliguri for bringing essential food commodities. In this regard, CGI, Phuentsholing has offered to issue a letter, if required, so that these Bhutanese trucks receive necessary facilitation along the route.

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01	Medicine	Embassy of India, Thimphu has been in receipt of a Note Verbale No. MFA/BDA-1/105/726 dated March 17, 2020 from Royal Government of Bhutan flagging the issue of challenges faced by Bhutanese Importers (wholesalers) of medicinal products at LCS Jaigaon post the notification of DGFT restricting the export of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Medicines. CGI Phuentsholing has been in touch with Indian Customs for facilitation of the current consignment. However, the said consignment has not been filed with Jaigaon LCS as yet. A separate request is being sent from Embassy's end to Ministry of Commerce & Industry seeking a waiver vis-à-vis Bhutan.	

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