

## Ministry of Home Affairs

### Press Release

#### Clarification on MHA order allowing opening of shops

Ministry of Home Affairs issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 on amendments in the consolidated revised guidelines on lock down measures to allow opening of shops.

2. This Order implies that:
  - a. In **rural areas**, all shops, except those in shopping malls are allowed to open.
  - b. In **urban areas**, *all standalone shops, neighbourhood shops & shops in residential complexes are allowed to open.* Shops in markets/ market complexes and shopping malls are **not** allowed to open.
3. It is clarified that sale by **E-commerce** companies will continue to be permitted for essential goods only.
4. It is further clarified that sale of **liquor** and other items continues to be prohibited as specified in the National Directives for COVID-19 management.

**NOTE:** As specified in the consolidated revised guidelines, *these shops will not be permitted to open in areas*, whether rural or urban, which are declared as containment zones by respective States/ UTs.

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