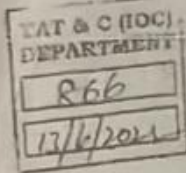


GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
LABOUR FACTORIES BOILERS and INSURANCE MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMO NO. 1751647/Labour.I/A1/2022

Dated: 13.06.2022

Sub: LFB&IMS Department - Representation from the A.P. Hotels Association for extension of service timings in the Hotels & Restaurants - Necessary instructions - issued - Regarding.



- Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.25, LET&F Department, Dt:15.10.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.20, HM&FW (B2) Department, Dt:11.01.2022.
3. G.O.Rt.No.137, HM&FW (B2) Department, Dt:28.02.2022.
4. From the YAT&C Department, e-File No:APTDC-13069/1/2022-ADMIN SEC-APTDC, Dt:07.06.2022.

Government vide G.O.Ms.No.25, LET&F Department, Dt:15.10.2018 have issued a Notification permitting the Hotels, Restaurants and Eateries except Bar and Restaurants running in the State of Andhra Pradesh to open from 5:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight instead of 10.30 PM under sections 7(2) and 15 (2) of the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Act, 1988 to extend the business Hours for the Hotels and Restaurants in the State of AP on the request of the Andhra Pradesh Hotels Association.

2. Whereas, during the Covid-19 Pandemic situation, the HM&FW Department in exercise of the powers conferred under Section -2, 3 and 4 of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID-19 Regulations 2020" to Containment, Control and Prevention of Spread of COVID-19, instructions were issued to the Employers of all the Factories/Industries/Shops & Establishments to prevent and contain spread of COVID-19 in the State of Andhra Pradesh empowered certain officers of the State Government to take all such measures as may be necessary to contain the spread of the said Virus in the State and issued orders for closing of Restaurants by 10.00 PM. The Covid restrictions issued by the State Government from time to time and finally issued vide G.O. Rt.No.137, HM&FW (B2) Department, dated 28.02.2022 and they are in force upto 14.03.2022.
3. Further, the Government of India vide its communication dated 22.03.2022 has clarified that "States to consider appropriately discontinuing issue of orders and guidelines under the DM act, 2005 for COVID containment measures. States may continue to follow the SoPs and advisories that have been or are being issued by MoHFW from time to time for Covid containment measures, Vaccination, and other related aspects, including observing Covid appropriate behavior". Keeping in view the clarification of the Government of India, the HM&FW Department is clarified that there are no restrictions regarding timings for establishments and hence to take necessary action regarding extension of timing for restaurants, and also specifically informed that as the Covid restrictions are not extended beyond 14.03.2022, the rules in force by the respective Departments will come into force automatically.
4. Now the President, Andhra Pradesh Hotels Association have represented to AP TDC stating that the Restaurants used to operate from 5.00 AM to 12.00 midnight. The Government has issued orders for closing of Restaurants by 10.00 PM due to Covid-19 Pandemic situation. The Hoteliers have represented that there is an increased pressure on Hotels from the

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Enforcement authorities and police department for closing of Restaurant timings at 10.00 PM and also this leads to higher operational expenses for Restaurants. Further, the Covid-19 Pandemic situation has stabilized which has enhanced the growth of Domestic and International tourist foot fall to the State of AP as this will facilitate more revenue generation.

5. Therefore, it is hereby clarified that the orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.25, LET&F Department, Dt:15.10.2018 permitting the Hotels, Restaurants and Eateries except Bar and Restaurants running in the State of Andhra Pradesh to open from 5:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight under sections 7 (2) and 15 (2) of the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Act, 1988 will come into re-force automatically as the Covid-19 restrictions issued by the HM&FW Department were not extended beyond 14.03.2022. However, shops and establishments are requested to ensure covid appropriate behavior such as wearing masks and hand sanitation by all persons working and visiting such establishments.

6. The Special Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is therefore requested to issue necessary instructions to all the stakeholders accordingly in the matter and also take necessary action in the matter.

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To
The Special Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

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All the Superintendents of Police in the State.

The Youth Advancement Tourism & Culture Department, Andhra Pradesh
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