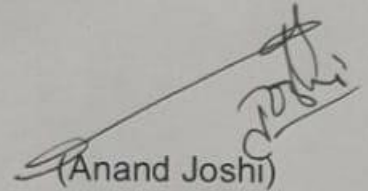


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Dated the 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Discontinuance of Face Masks and Hand Sanitizers as essential commodity under the Essential Commodities under the EC Act, 1955.

The undersigned is directed to convey that as on date there are no adverse reports from the States/UTs, with respect to price or availability to continue face masks & hand sanitizers as essential commodities. Therefore, this Department has decided not to continue these items as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities under the EC Act, 1955 beyond 30.06.2020.



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