



RAMZAN CONTINGENCY PLAN -2022, DISTRICT MUZAFFARGARH

The sacred month of Ramzan is going to commerce in the first week of April, 2022. To avoid price hike during holy month of Ramzan and prohibiting the unscrupulous practices, District Administration devised a plan for Ramzan 2022. District Administration Muzaffargarh, will ensure the fair and smooth running of the proposed Contingency Plan by all pragmatic steps and a proactive approach so that the deceitful elements may not seek unfair benefits under the Umbrella of profiteering and hoarding as well as overcharging of essential commodities. This plan would be enforced by the mutual coordination of traders, major stake holders and all concerned Government departments by their meaningful facilitation in terms of provision to general public especially in the back drop of COVID-19.

The strict monitoring of reduces notified prices will be ensured through the effective mechanism of price control, as desired by the Government of Punjab. Moreover, the Contingency Plan in the back drop of COVID-19 for the relief of general masses has been drafted on the following lines recommended by the Industries Department **via reference No. DD (PR)4-2/2022 dated 28-02-2022, as under:-**

MINIMUM COLLECTIVE PHYSICAL INTERACTION:

This year Ramzan is commencing in the first week of April 2022 while the COVID-19 Precautionary measures are adopted as well. The religious and traditional gatherings are more common in Ramzan month but at the same time, it is clear that COVID-19 is facilitated by the close social interaction. So to mitigate the public health impact, physical distancing measures will be strictly adopted in current holy month of Ramzan. The Government strategy for monitoring of public gathering, congregation Prayers and other restrictions on movements will be observed in letter and spirit in Public interest.

However, any decisions to restrict, modify, postpone, cancel, or proceed with holding a Mass gathering during Ramzan should be based on standardized risk assessment exercise to respond to the outbreak.

A. MONITORING OF PRICES AND SUPPLIES:

To ensure stable supplies of commodities and smooth prices without price hike, following measures will be taken:

i. FIXATION OF PRICES:

The District Officer (IPWM), Muzaffargarh will arrange a meeting the District Price Control Committee and will notify the prices of essential commodities under the Chairmanship of Controller General Prices before the commencement of Ramzan as well as convene the price control

meeting to review the prices of 33 items during this month. All Magistrates would ensure the implementation of the notified prices in their areas of jurisdiction.

ii. **NOTIFICATION OF PRICE LIST:**

The Deputy Commissioner/Controller General prices shall notify the price lists after consultation with representative of traders/ growers/ retailers consumer societies and other stakeholders before the commencement of Ramzan.

iii. **WEEKLY REVIEW MEETINGS:**

The Deputy Commissioner/Controller General Prices shall personally preside over Weekly review meeting and ensure control over price hike, being Controller General of Prices, as desired by the Industries Department. For this purpose, the necessary direction will be issued to all Price Control Magistrates in District Muzaffargarh.

iv. **ROLE OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT & MARKET COMMITTEES:**

Agriculture Department and Market Committees will play effective roles to maintain balance in demand and supply of essential food items. Measures should be taken to minimize role of middleman in provision of fruits, vegetables and other agriculture/food items.

v. **ENLISTMENT OF MAJOR STOCKISTS & SUPPLIERS:**

Enlistment of major stockiest, dealers, wholesalers and suppliers as well as stock declaration should be carried out by concerned Assistant Commissioners. So that the existing stock can be verified and demand and supply situation may be monitored to avoid any shortage and curb hoarding as well.

vi. **ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT & TEHSIL CONTROL ROOMS:**

A District Control Room has been established for coordination, monitoring, feedback and complaint Redressal with following telephone numbers:-

066-9200257 & 066-9200258

The District Officer (I,P,W&M), Muzaffargarh will be Incharge / focal person of the District Control Room. All the Assistant Commissioners will notify Tehsil Control Rooms in their respective tehsils. The detail of focal person is as under :-

<u>Name of Focal Person</u>	<u>Cell No.</u>
Mr. Gulfam Haider, District Officer (I,P,W&M), Muzaffargarh	0333-8083743, 0302-7775888

B. **PRICE CONTROL MECHANISM:**

The effective price control mechanism will be fully implemented in the whole district as:

i. **NOTIFICATION OF PRICE MAGISTRATES:**

The District Officer (IPWM), Muzaffargarh will be made necessary coordination with Home Department for notification of suitable number of Price Magistrates for the district. These price Magistrates will be assigned duties and directed to work efficiently for smooth price control mechanism during Ramzan-2022.

ii. **DUTY ROSTER OF PRICE MAGISTRATES:**

The detailed duty roster will be prepared by District Officer (IPWM), Muzaffargarh will and issued for the Price Magistrates alongwith regular Monitoring of their performance. The SNA Muzaffar is nominated as focal preson to collect information from Price Magistrates, compile reports on prescribed performa issued by Government of the Punjab, Industries, Commerce & Investment Department, Lahore and transmit the same to Deputy Secretary (Prices), Punjab prices and Supplies Board (PPSB) Industries Department, 2-Bank Road Lahore on daily basis w.e.f.1st of Ramzan, 2022.

Mr. Muhammad Saleem SNA, Muzaffargarh Cell No. 300-7482303

iii. **REPORTING MECHANISM OF PRICE CONTROL SYSTEM:**

All price control magistrates will execute regular price checking to control prices, hoarding and report will be sent online through **Qeemat Punjab App** on daily basis for onward submission to the high-ups and SNA Muzaffargarh to upload data on relevant application. Moreover, all magistrates will ensure the uploading of their performance on price magistrate application of their androids.

iv. **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLAINT CENTRES:**

To redress the complaints regarding overcharging, adulteration and sale of sub-standard materials, complaint centers will be established at District & tehsil Level and District Officer IPWM will be focal person at District Level and Assistant Commissioner will be deputed focal person for complaints Centers. The address and the contact number of the Complaint Centers Incharges will be dully publicized via electronic & print media by all Assistant Commissioners of concerned Tehsil.

v. **QEEMAT PUNJAB APP:**

A mobile application “**Qeemat Punjab App**” & **Universal complaint No.080000-2345** has been launched for information of people, which will be dully publicized via electronic & print media by all Assistant Commissioners. The complaints received on this app should be resolved well within the time limit.

C. **ITWAR / JUMA / DAILY RAMZAN BAZARS:**

- i. All Bazars should be made operationalized w.e.f **25th Shaban-1443 Hijri (2022) (29th March, 2022)** and shall remain functional upto **27th Ramzan-1443 Hijri (2022).**
- ii. Timing of Ramzan Bazars shall be 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.
- iii. Rates of commodities be fixed by 9.00 a.m. and rate cards should be prominently displayed in front of the stalls.
- iv. Quality of fruits and vegetables should be regularly checked by the Agriculture Department and meat / poultry product should be checked by the Livestock Department.

before sale. The duty roster of Veterinary Doctors will be issued by AD Livestock for slaughter house and will ensure Quality meat/ poultry products at meat shops / poultry outlets on daily basis.

iii. QUALITY OF ATTA:

The supply of quality Atta will be supervised by District Food Controller at the declared outlets as per Atta Contingency Plan issued from the same department. The District Food Controller Muzaffar will also ensure the supply of Atta through Mobile shops and Fair price shops in other areas of district after visualizing the need and demand supply.

iv. PREVENTION OF ADULTERATION:

The quality of all commodities and edible items will be ensured by District Food Authority so that adulteration can be prohibited. More over the notified anti adulteration committee of District Muzaffargarh will also be functional for its pivotal role as per TORs and strict adherence to quality.

v. MEETING WITH TRADERS GROUP:

A meeting has been programmed to persuade the traders to refrain from unethical market practices like profiteering and hoarding, black marketing, adulteration etc.

vi. LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE DELINQUENTS:

Adulteration, hoarding, black marketing and over charging will not be tolerate and in case of any violation/complaints, stern legal action will be taken by the special price magistrates within purview of Price Control Enactments and concerned departments in their areas of jurisdiction.

H. ACCURATE WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

To Assure accurate weight of all scales being used for different items to be sold in all Bazaars will be ensured by District Officer (IPWM), Muzaffargarh. She would be tasked to ensure the use of verified commercial weights and measures. Regular as well as surprise inspections of weights and measures shall be carried out.

I. RAMZAN BAZAR SUMMERY:

All the Assistant Commissioners will furnish summery of Ramzan Bazar detail as per following pattern:-

S #	District	Tehsil	Ramzan Bazars					
			Name of Ramzan Bazar	Location	No. of Shops	No. of Agriculture Fair Price Shops	No. of Live Stock Shops	No. of Fair Price Shops (other Ramzan Bazars)

The focal person, District Officer (I.P.W&M) and System Network Administrator, Muzaffargarh will collect reports from the Assistant Commissioners concerned, compile the same and

- ensure smooth as per demand situation of public in all markets with close liaison of EADA and Assistant Commissioners.
- c. The rates of commodities shall be fixed early in the morning and issued before 09:00 a.m. The rate cards will be prominently displayed by all concerned stakeholders.

D. NGO AND PHILANTHROPIST PARTICIPATION:

- i. The District Officer (I.P.W&M), District Officer Environment & Assistant Director Labour, Muzaffargarh will motivate corporate entities, industrialists and philanthropists to participate in efforts for providing packets of essential items free of cost to the destitute and deserving persons.
- ii. The District Officer (Labour), Muzaffargarh will make necessary arrangements through NGO & Philanthropist for free Sehar and Iftar dastarkhawans at Hospital, Railway Stations, Labour Colony, Katchi Abadies & other suitable location in coordination with philanthropists and observing SOPs for prevention of CORONAS pandemic.

E. SECURITY MEASURES.

Stringent Security measures will be taken to avoid untoward incident in view of the terrorist attaches / bomb blast. The District Police Officer, Muzaffargarh will arrange Walk Through Gates and metal detectors should be utilized to screen visitors at Itwar, Juma and Ramzan Bazars and sensitive places and sufficient Police personals including lady police must be deployed to maintain Law & Order and ensure security.

F. TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS:

The Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) and Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Muzaffargarh will arrange proper parking of the vehicles of visitors at all Ramzan/Itwar/Juma Bazara and declared Fair Price Shops in different areas. To depute Traffic Police along with barriers at entry and exit points of respective Fair Price Shops for Atta and Sugar if Government of Punjab provide subsidy in this regard. As and when directions regarding imposition of 144 PPC on double rider of motor bikes, and vehicles mobility policy will be issued, it will be strictly complied accordingly by Traffic Department. The traffic regulation plan will also be issued by DSP (Traffic) along with duty rosters of traffic police squads and will also be well displayed at prominent place of main chowks of City Area.

G. QUALITY OF FOOD ITEMS:

Quality of food items in respective area of jurisdiction will be monitored by the concerned departments as:

i. QUALITY OF FRUITS & VEGETABLE

Quality of fruits & vegetables shall be regularly checked and assured by the Agriculture Department along with EADA, Muzaffargarh.

ii. QUALITY OF MEAT/POULTRY ITEMS:

It will be responsibility of Assistant Director (Livestock) to carry our necessary coordination with Poultry / Butcher Associations and ensure constant inspection of Mutton /Beef

furnish to the Director General (IPWM), Punjab, Poonch House Multan Road Lahore on daily basis through e-mail pricesboard@gmail.com as well as daily sale position of ATTA, SUGAR, GHEE, CHCKEN, EGGS & AFP ITEMS must be uploaded on PITB Websites and confirm the report from phone No.042-99211530.

J. MAINTENANCE OF COORDINATION:

The coordination between District Administration, field formations and other relevant department shall be ensured under the supervision of ADC (Revenue) Muzaffargarh as overall Focal Person:

Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Shahrukh,
Designation: ADC (Revenue), Muzaffargarh
Contact No. 0348-0182117

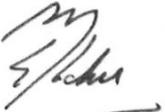

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MUZAFFARGARH

No. 115 DN

Dated: 14-03-2022

A copy is forwarded to:-

1. The Commissioner, DG Khan Division, Dera Ghazi Khan with reference to his office letter No.GB-Ramzan/2022/2499-2502 dated 03.03.2022.
2. The Secretary Industries, Commerce Investment and Skill Development Department Govt. of the Punjab, Lahore.
3. P.S to Chief Secretary, Punjab, Lahore.
4. The Director General (IPWM), Punjab, Poonch House Multan Road Lahore with reference to his office letter No.DD(PR)4-2/2022 dated 28.02.2022
5. The District Police Officer Muzaffargarh for Provision of Police assistance to the price checking Teams & ensuring security measures and deputation of staff for Ramzan Bazars for security purpose.
6. All the Assistant Commissioners in the District Muzaffargarh.
7. The Chief Executive Officer, District Health Authority, Muzaffargarh.
8. The System Network Administrator, Muzaffargarh.
9. The Deputy Director Agriculture Muzaffargarh.
10. The Additional Director LiveStock , Muzaffargarh
11. The Chief Officer Zila Council, Muzaffargarh.
12. The District Officer Environment, Muzaffargarh.
13. The Assistant Director Labour Muzaffargarh
14. The Chief Officer Zila Council, Muzaffargarh.
15. The Extra Assistant Director (EADA), Marketing, Muzaffargarh.
16. The District Officer (IPWM), Muzaffargarh.
17. All the Secretary Market Committees in the District Muzaffargarh.
18. All concerned.


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- v. District Officer IPW&M) at District level should be tasked to ensure the use of verified commercial weight and measures. Regular as well as surprise inspection of weights and measures should be carried out.
- vi. Services of Civil Defence Razakars should be utilized in Itwar, Ramzan Bazars. The District Officer (Civil Defence), Muzaffargarh will be deputed sufficient staff for Ramzan Bazars and should issue a duty roster for this purpose.
- vii. Livestock and Agriculture fair price shops should be established with the help of Livestock and Agriculture Department. The Addl. Deputy Director Livestock and the Deputy Director (Agri-Ext), Muzaffargarh will make necessary arrangements for the establishment of said Shops.
- viii. The arrangements regarding cleanliness in all Ramzan Bazars, Market Committees will be ensured by deputation of special squads of sanitation staff from Municipal Committees / Corporations & Chief Officers District Councils. All Assistant Commissioners will ensure its compliance in their relevant Ramzan Bazars as well as important Fair Price Shops surroundings. Sprinkling of Disinfection sprays will also be carried out weekly to ensure cleanliness and convenience of consumers in precaution against COVID- 19 proper arrangements shall be ensured to protect consumers and sellers from harsh weather conditions at distance and avoid rushing at Fair Price Shops.
- ix. The Chief Executive Officer, District Health Authority, Muzaffargarh will establish First Aid camps in each Ramzan Bazars before the start of Ramzan Bazars and depute necessary staff and should issue a duty roster for this purpose.
- x. Incharge Ramzan Bazar and Assistant Commissioner will make necessary arrangements for establishments of Ramzan Bazars:-
- All Stalls should be established on tables and convenience of consumers.
 - Proper tentage arrangements be made to protect consumers and sellers from harsh weather condition,
 - Last year tents should be utilized instead of purchasing new tents (if any).
- xi. SOPs regarding Covid-19 issued by the Health Departments should be followed in letter & spirit and all the instructions should be displayed by all the Assistant Commissioners in all the Ramzan Bazars
- xii. For fixation of rational prices, the monitoring mechanism of auction process will be adopted in the Market Committees as follows:
- The effective role will be played by the Agriculture Department and Market Committess to maintain balance in demand and supply situation. Quality of fruits & vegetables shall be regularly checked by the Agriculture Department for supply of quality items in market. Moreover, the role of middle man shall be marginalized in the marketing of essential commodities, fruits, vegetable and other agriculture/food item by attaching growers and whole sellers to place their articles for sale directly through Grower plate farm forum in fruit and vegetable markets. The auction of fruit and vegetable will be monitored through staff of Market Committees and Agriculture Department along with concerned Assistant Commissioner.
 - The uninterrupted supply chain management system will be ensured by Deputy Director Agriculture (Extension) and EADA, Muzaffargarh. To avoid any unforeseen short stock of vegetables, fruits, pulses etc, these departments will be responsible to