The country is going through a very difficult time because of epidemic of deadly Coronavirus COVID-19. The Government has been taking unprecedented measures to fight the situation, including providing assistance and support to farmers and general public.

2. This Department, Chairman and Members of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog and Members of Animal Welfare Board of India are receiving many panic calls from Gaushalas and Animal welfare activists indicating that a large number of Gau vansh are on the verge of starvation due to unavailability of fodder for the last few days. The State Governments are taking suitable actions; however, it is not sufficient enough and need more efforts.

3. As per Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 26th March, 2020, transportation/inter-state movement of animal feed and fodder is essential and exempted item. In view of above, it is requested that Distt. Administration may be advised to make all efforts to ensure uninterrupted availability/supply of animal feed/fodder to Gaushalas, shelter houses, Pinzrapoles etc. to feed their animals. However, the guidelines of Disaster Management Division of Ministry of Home Affairs need to be followed strictly.

With kind regards,

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