

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**(Department of Consumer Affairs)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 21st March, 2020

S.O. 1197(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 2A and section 3, of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government, hereby makes the following Order, to regulate the prices of masks (2ply & 3ply), the Melt Blown non-Woven Fabric used as raw material in production of masks, masks (2ply & 3ply) and hand sanitizers for preventing infections due to COVID-19 virus namely :—

1. (1) This order may be called the fixation of prices of masks (2ply & 3ply), Melt Blown non-Woven Fabric and hand sanitizers Order, 2020.
(2) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. (1) The retail prices of Melt Blown non-Woven Fabric used in manufacturing masks (2ply & 3ply), shall not be more than the prices prevailing on the day one month prior to 13.03.2020 i.e. the prices prevailing on 12.02.2020.
(2) The retail prices of masks (3ply surgical mask), shall not be more than the prices prevailing on the day one month prior to 13.03.2020 i.e. as on 12.02.2020 or not more than Rs.10 per piece whichever is lower and that of mask (2ply) shall not be more than Rs.8 per piece.
(3) The retail prices of hand sanitizer shall not be more than Rs.100/- per bottle of 200ml the prices of other quantities of hand sanitizers shall be fixed in the proportion of these prices.
3. This Notification shall remain in force for a period upto 30th June, 2020 from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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