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Current situation and opportunities (FAQS)

¿What is the current situation in the country?

Until May 3rd the whole country is closed. Only essential goods are being moved and for non-essential goods, the government has to authorize it by requesting it via web (online).

¿When is the country expected to open?

A slightly less restrictive closure is expected from May 3, states and non-critical districts may be allowed to begin activity.

¿How do the major ports (Nhava Sheva / Chennai / Mundra / Tuticorin) work?

Although Customs and Ports are functioning, less than 20% of the usual volume is moved.

¿How are Customs working, do they need original documents or can they be submitted via EDI?

Normally all customs transactions are handled online. Transport orders are issued manually at the respective ports for essential goods.

¿Can pick-ups and deliveries be made by truck?

There are many problems in hiring drivers. Most of them have gone home and cannot return to work as the public transport is closed.

¿Does the train work as usual or are there limitations?

There are no trains running in the whole country.

¿What is the plan to open up the country, i.e. by areas, commodities, etc.?

Food and pharmaceuticals are moving normally. Most other goods are not allowed. Restricted permits are given for process industries. (steel, chemicals, cement, paper, etc.)

¿Will the government assist factories/companies with credits or waive taxes for import/export of commodities?

Companies and trade bodies have applied for tax cuts, but no response has been received from the Government yet.

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