

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

New Delhi, the 24th March, 2020

S.O. 1207(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 (MBNWF) and other materials used as raw material in production of masks, masks (2ply & 3ply) 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 (Amendment) Order, 2020.
(2) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. The following para is added below para 2 (2) of S.O. No. 1197(E) dated 21.03.2020
'(A) The retail prices of 3ply surgical mask contain a layer of Melt Blown non-Woven Fabric shall not be more than Rs.16/- per piece'.
3. This Notification shall remain in force for a period up to 30th June, 2020 from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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