WHEREAS Novel Corona Virus Disease -2019 (COVID-19) is a fast spreading respiratory disease all over the world and Community is at increasing risk of infection of the disease as some cases with travel history abroad has been reported in other states. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, keeping in view the spread of COVID-19 Virus in India and the declaration of COVID-19 as pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO), by way of a special one time dispensation, has decided to treat it is as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF.

AND WHERES, the U.T., of Puducherry is taking all possible preventive measures to prevent the possible outbreak of COVID-19.

AND WHEREAS, all educational institutions in the U.T., of Puducherry shall:

- Issue Pamphlets, booklets may be issued for creating awareness among the students.
- Students with possible symptoms may be granted leave
- Every educational institute may appoint a Nodal Officer to monitor the students in this regard. They may refer such cases to the nearest Hospitals
- Motivate the students to follow good hygiene practices and proper hand washing techniques
- Sanitizer and liquid soap may be provided in all educational institutions
- All cultural events, sports events, annual day, symposiums, workshops etc., shall be postponed.
- As regards hostels, visitors may be carefully monitored for any symptoms.
- Particulars of the students, who belong to places other than Puducherry and stay in hostels/paying guests / rented houses shall be maintained by the Educational Institutions. They may not be permitted to travel, except on emergency situations.
- In the places such as toilet, canteen etc., shall be frequently cleaned and disinfected several times. Sufficient water facility shall be provided.
• Students may be made aware of the Helpline No.104 and other facilities of the Health Department, so that if they themselves are symptomatic, or find their friends/family members/neighbours etc., to be symptomatic may advise them to go to the nearest hospitals
• Deputing students for participating in any educational/cultural/sports event etc., outside Puducherry may be avoided.

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 30(2)(v) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned hereby directs the Departments /Offices and Officers concerned to adhere to the instructions issued in this Order and enforce it wherever required and also to take such other measures for the prevention and mitigation of disease nCOVID-19. This Order shall come into force with immediate effect and continue till it is rescinded.

To

1. The Director of School Education, Puducherry
2. The Director of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry.

Copy to:

1. The OSD to H.E.L.G., Puducherry.
2. The PS to the Chief Secretary – cum – Chairman(SEC), Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Puducherry.
4. The District Collector, Karaikal.
5. The P.S., to all Ministers, Puducherry.
6. The P.S. to all Ministers, Puducherry.
7. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam.