WHEREAS, Novel Corona Virus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) is a fast spreading respiratory disease all over the world and the community is at increasing risk of infection of the disease as some cases with travel history abroad have 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 Organization (WHO), by way of a special one-time dispensation, has decided to treat it as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF.

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

AND WHEREAS, all the theatre owners in Puducherry shall:
- create awareness among all the labourers regarding the symptoms of Coronavirus
- provide / display pamphlets, posters, banners in this regard may be for awareness among the theatre staff and film goers.
- grant leave to the maintenance staff and office employees with possible symptoms and advise them to follow self-imposed home quarantine
- refer such cases to the nearest designated hospitals
- motivate the employees to follow good hygiene practices and proper hand washing techniques
- provide with Sanitizer and liquid soap in the theatre premises
- ensure hygienic maintenance of theatre premises and sanitisation with 1% sodium hypochlorite at the end of every show.
- sanitise the ticket counters, door, door handles, stair railings, canteen counters etc. after each show on a regular turn-around basis.
- monitor the people visiting theatres for high temperature using a Infrared Forehead Thermometer at entry point and refer any person with high temperature to the nearest hospital immediately.

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 30(2)(v) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned hereby directs all 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 This Order shall come into force with immediate effect and continue till it is rescinded.

(Dr. A. T. I.A.S.)
DISTRICT COLLECTOR-cum-CHAIRMAN (PDDMA)

To
1. The Theatre Owners Association, Puducherry
2. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (North/South) to ensure the instructions are scrupulously followed by the theatres

Copy to
1. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman (SEC), Puducherry
2. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Puducherry.
3. The District Collector, Karaikal.
4. The OSD to LG, Puducherry.
5. The P.S. to all Ministers, Puducherry.
6. The Regional Administrator, Mahe / Yanam.