ORDER

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 has been reported in other States. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India keeping in view of 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 as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF.

AND WHEREAS, in order to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation in the U.T. of Puducherry, the following guidelines are issued for adherence while sanctioning leave to Govt. officials working in various Govt. departments;

- While sanctioning leave of any kind, care shall be taken to permit only for genuine reasons;
- Officials directly involved in prevention/ mitigation activities shall not be granted leave of any kind except on exigency conditions. If any such official is on leave except on medical grounds, he/she shall be recalled for duty immediately.

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 This Order shall come into force with immediate effect and continue till it is rescinded.

(Dr. T. Arun, I.A.S)
DISTRICT COLLECTOR-CUM-CHAIRMAN
PUDUCHERRY DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

To
All the Head of Departments, Puducherry.
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1. The P.S. to Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman (SEC), Puducherry
2. All the Secretaries, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry
3. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Puducherry.
4. The District Collector. Karaikal.
5. The P.S. to all Ministers, Puducherry.
6. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/ Yanam.