ORDER


c. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 01.05.2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) situation, which has been declared as a Disaster under the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005, has prompted this Administration to take several preventive measures involving all line departments. The Administration has been issuing various orders and instructions to restrict the movement of people and ensure essential services / activities.

2. Now, in pursuance of the Order and Guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide reference cited above, lock down measures will continue to be implemented in the UT of Puducherry for a further period of two weeks with effect from 04th May 2020.

3. In terms of above quoted letter of Government of India, MHA and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare dated 30.04.2020 and the regions of in the UT of Puducherry are classified as under:-

a. Karaikal and Yanam Regions - Green Zone
b. Puducherry and Mahe Regions - Orange Zone

4. Accordingly, the Standard Operating Procedure for implementation of lock down measures has been revised as under in respect of UT of Puducherry.
**Prohibited activities in all Zones**

5. The following activities will remain prohibited in all zones for a period of two weeks with effect from 04\textsuperscript{th} May 2020:-

   a) All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for medical services, air ambulance and for security purposes or for purposes as permitted by MHA.
   b) All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes or for purposes as permitted by MHA.
   c) Inter-State Buses for public transport, except as permitted by MHA.
   d) Inter-State movement of individuals
   e) Inter-State movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities as permitted by MHA.
   f) All schools, colleges, educational/ training/ coaching institutions etc. However, online/ distance learning shall be permitted.
   g) Hospitality services other than those used for housing health/ police/ Government officials/ healthcare workers, stranded persons including tourists, and those used for quarantine facilities.
   h) All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
   i) All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings.
   j) All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.

**Activities in Red Zones (Hotspots) [Outside Containment Zones]**

6. (i) Apart from the prohibited activities mentioned at Para 5 above, the following activities shall not be permitted:

   a. Cycle rickshaws and auto rickshaws.
   b. Taxis and cab aggregators.
   c. Intra-district and inter-district plying of buses.
   d. Barber shops, spas and salons.
(ii) The following activities shall be permitted with restrictions as specified:

a. Movement of individuals and vehicles, only for permitted activities. Four wheeler vehicles will have maximum two passengers besides the vehicle driver; for two wheelers, pillion rider is not allowed.

b. Industrial establishments in urban areas: Only Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Export Oriented Units (EOUs), industrial estates and industrial townships with access control; Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw material and intermediates; Production units, which require continuous process, and their supply chain; Manufacturing of IT hardware; Jute industry with staggered shifts and social distancing; and, Manufacturing units of packaging material are permitted.

All industrial activities are permitted in rural areas.

c. Construction activities in urban areas: Only in situ construction (where workers are available on site and no workers are required to be brought in from outside) and construction of renewable energy projects are permitted.

All construction activities are permitted in rural areas.

d. All malls, market complexes and markets shall remain closed in urban areas, i.e., areas within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities. However, shops selling essential goods in markets and market complexes are permitted.

All standalone (single) shops, neighborhood (colony) shops and shops in residential complexes are permitted to remain open in urban areas, without any distinction of essential and non-essential.

All shops in rural areas, except in malls, are permitted to remain open, without any distinction of essential and non-essential.

Social distancing (6 feet) will be maintained in all cases.
e. E-commerce activities will be permitted only in respect of essential goods.

f. Private offices can operate with up to 33% strength as per requirement, with the remaining persons working from home.

g. All Government offices shall function with officers of the level of Deputy Secretary and above to the extent of 100% strength. The remaining staff will attend up to 33% as per requirement. However, Defense and Security services, Health and Family Welfare, Police, Prisons, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency Services, Disaster management and related services, NIC, Customs, FCI, NCC, NYK and Municipal services shall function without any restrictions; delivery of public services shall be ensured and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose.

7. Activities in Orange Zones [Outside Containment Zones]

a) Apart from the prohibited activities mentioned at Para 5, the following activities shall not be permitted:

   a. Inter-district and Intra-district plying of buses.

b) The following activities shall be permitted with restrictions as are specified:

   i. Taxis and cab aggregators, with 1 driver and 2 passengers only.

   ii. Inter-district movement of individuals and vehicles, only for permitted activities. Four wheeler vehicles will have maximum two passengers besides the driver.

Activities in Green Zone

8. a) All activities are permitted in Green Zones, except those activities that are prohibited under Para 5.

   b) Buses can operate with up to 50% seating capacity.

   c) Bus depots can operate with up to 50% capacity.
9. All other activities will be permitted activities, which are not specifically prohibited/ permitted with restrictions in the various Zones, under these guidelines. However, States/ UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, and with the primary objective of keeping the spread of COVID19 in check, may allow only select activities from out of the permitted activities, with such restrictions as felt necessary. Hence, the following restrictions are in place.

a) All Industries / Manufacturers, MSME in UT of Puducherry may commence operations ensuring all measures of National Directives subject to the following:

   (i) Considering the high rate of incidents of Covid-19 in the neighboring districts of Villupuram and Cuddalore (Red Zones), No interstate/cross border movements of people would be allowed.
   (ii) No Industrial establishment/Manufacturing company will be allowed to operate within the containment zone.
   (iii) Any industrial establishment/Manufacturing company though located in Puducherry, if it falls within the radius of the Covid-19 related containment zone because of positive cases in the neighboring district, the same will not be permitted to operate.
   (iv) If any industrial establishment/Company located in Sedarapet area requires movement of employees through Tamilnadu, transport for this purpose shall be arranged by the concerned employer as per the stipulated norms for transportation.

b) Considering the peculiar Geographical nature of Puducherry and the sensitivity of the issue, opening of Liquor shops in Puducherry and Karaikal will be in consonance with action by the Tamilnadu state. Similarly in respect of Mahe and Yanam the Regional Administrator will take a decision in consonance with the neighboring states of Kerala & AndraPradesh respectively.

c) In view of the peculiar Geographical nature of Puducherry, the timing of functioning of shops will be in consonance
with the adjoining state of Tamilnadu. Hence, timing will be from 6 am to 5 pm.

10. Inter-state movement of goods/ cargo, including empty trucks is permitted.

11. No separate/ fresh permissions are required from authorities for activities already permitted to operate under the guidelines on Lockdown measures up to May 3, 2020. The following Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) issued by Ministry of Home Affairs will continue to operate:

   a) SOP on transit arrangement for foreign national(s) in India and release of quarantine persons, issued vide Order dated April 02, 2020.

   b) SOP on movement of stranded labour within States/ UTs, issued vide Order dated April 19, 2020.

   c) SOP on sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers, issued vide Order dated April 21, 2020.

   d) SOP on movement of stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, issued vide Order dated April 29, 2020.

   e) SOP on movement of stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons by train, issued vide Order dated May 01, 2020.

**Protocol within Containment Zones:**

12. In the Containment Zone, following activities shall be undertaken:

   a) 100% coverage of ArogyaSetu app among the residents of containment zone.

   b) Contact Tracing.

   c) Home or Institutional quarantining of individuals based on risk assessment by medical officers. This risk assessment will be based on symptoms, contact with confirmed cases, and travel history.

   d) Testing of all cases with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and other symptoms specified by MOHFW.
e) House to house surveillance by special teams constituted for this purpose.
f) Clinical management of all cases as per protocol.
g) Counseling and educating people; and establishing effective communication strategies.

13. In Containment Zones, there shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of population in or out of these zones except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services.

14. Activities in Containment Zone:
   a) Strict perimeter control.
   b) Establishment of clear entry and exit points.
   c) Movement of persons only for maintaining supply of goods and services; and for medical emergencies.
   d) No unchecked influx of people and transport.
   e) Recording of details of people moving in and out of perimeter.

15. Measures for well being and safety of persons:
   a) The movement of individuals, for all non-essential activities, shall remain strictly prohibited between 7 pm to 7 am.
   b) In all zones, persons above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes
   c) In Containment Zones, Out-Patient Departments (OPDs) and Medical clinics shall not be permitted to operate.
   d) Out-Patient Departments (OPDs) and Medical clinics permitted to operate in Orange and Green Zones, shall function with social distancing norms and other safety precautions.

Enforcement of lockdown measures

16. National directives for Covid-19 Management issued by Government of India is placed as Annexure-I. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements
17. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.

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SECRETARY (REVENUE / R&R)

To
1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry
2. The Development Commissioner, Puducherry.
3. The Director General of Police, Puducherry
4. All Secretaries, Govt. of Puducherry.
5. The District Collector, Puducherry, Karaikal
6. The Regional Administrator, Mahe / Yanam
7. All Head of Departments, Puducherry
8. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, North/South
9. The Sr. Superintendent of Police (Law & Order)
10. The Commissioners, All Municipalities
11. The Tahsildar, All Taluk Offices
12. The Commissioners – All Commune Panchayats.

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for strict Enforcement

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Annexure I

National Directives for COVID-19 Management

PUBLIC PLACES

1. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public places.
2. All persons in charge of public places and transport shall ensure social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. No organization/manager of public place shall allow gathering of 5 or more persons.
4. Marriages related gatherings shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum number of guests allowed shall not be more than 50.
5. Funeral/last rites related gatherings shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum numbers allowed shall not be more than 20.
6. Spitting in public places shall be punishable with fines as prescribed by Local Administration Department, Puducherry.

WORK PLACES

7. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all work places and adequate stock of such face covers shall be made available.
8. All persons in charge of work places shall ensure social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, both within the work places and in company transport.
9. Social distancing at work places shall be ensured through adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.
10. Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer preferably with touch free mechanism will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas. In addition, sufficient quantities of handwash and sanitizer shall be made available in the work places.
11. Frequent sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., shall be ensured, including between shifts.
12. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes.

13. Use of ArogyaSetu app shall be made mandatory for all employees, both private and public. It shall be the responsibility of the Head of the respective Organizations to ensure 100% coverage of this app among the employees.

14. Large physical meetings to be avoided.

15. Hospitals/clinics in the nearby areas, which are authorized to treat COVID-19 patients, should be identified and list should be available at work place all the times. Employees showing any symptom of COVID-19 should be immediately sent for check up to such facilities. Quarantine areas should be earmarked for isolating employees showing symptoms till they are safely moved to the medical facilities.

16. Arrangements for transport facilities shall be ensured with social distancing, wherever personal/public transport is not feasible.

17. Intensive communication and training on good hygiene practices shall be taken up.