ORDER

Sub: DRDM – COVID-19 – Shifting of Vegetable shops from Goubert Market (Big Bazzar), J.N. Street- Reg.

Ref: i. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
ii. The Disaster Management Act, 2005

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 enforce National Directives on Covid 19 management and regulating the movement of people and ensure essential services / activities.

2. It has been brought to the knowledge of the undersigned that in the Goubert Market (Big Bazaar), J.N. Street, Puducherry the social distancing is not being maintained by the vendors and the people who gathers for the purchases of vegetables and fruits. Further the arrangements of vegetable shops are also not conducive to maintain social distancing etc.,

3. Further, in partial modification of the order cited in the reference (iv) above it the above said market shall function at new bus stand, which is suitable for ensuring social distancing and safety measures for the movement of the people ensuring national directives for preventing the spread of Covid -19.

4. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Disaster Management Act 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897 the following measures are ordered.

i. All the wholesale and retail vegetable shops functioning at Goubert market (Big Bazzar), J.N. Street, Puducherry shall be closed with effect from 22.06.2020 until further orders.
ii. From Monday(22nd June) onwards, all the Vegetable Vendors (Wholesalers, Retailers, Adikaasu vendors) will function from Bus Stand.
iii. Only groceries, fruits, flower shops will function at Big Market.
iv. Pondicherry Municipality to make necessary arrangements like barricading work, marking for social distancing, water, charging and other facilities for the vendors.
v. No vegetables shops will be allowed outside bus stand. It has to be strictly enforced by police and municipal authorities.

vi. The Municipal Commissioner of Puducherry shall make necessary arrangements for the allotment of shops. The shops shall be arranged providing enough space for vehicle parking and movement of people.

vii. SP (East) to give necessary support and SP (Traffic) to ensure traffic arrangements at the said locations.

viii. Traders Association, Municipality, Police Department would ensure sufficient social distancing etc., and smooth conduct of business.

5. Any violation of the above instructions is punishable under the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897.

6. The authorities concerned shall comply with the above instruction on or before 22th June 2020.

(Dr. ARUN.T, IAS)
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To
1. The Senior Superintendent of Police (L&O), Puducherry
2. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, North
3. The Commissioner, Puducherry Municipality
4. The Supdt., of Police (East)
5. The Tahsildar, Puducherry Taluk

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