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**Government of Odisha**  
**Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

**No. 6218 /R&DM(DM)      Date: 03-11-2020**  
RDM-RLF-MISC-0290-2020

**ORDER**

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical stage of COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas, the winter season is approaching during which the elderly, children, persons with co-morbidities and others develop respiratory problems;

And whereas, the Deepavali and Kartika Purnima festivals are approaching and people usually burn fire crackers during such occasions;

And whereas, it is a well-known fact that burning of the fire crackers releases copious amounts of harmful chemicals, which have severe impact on the respiratory health of vulnerable groups and such pollutants can further aggravate health conditions of COVID-19 positive persons besides persons staying in home isolation;

And whereas, the Technical Expert Committee of the State Government has recommended for prohibition of burning of fire crackers to protect the vulnerable groups like elderly, children, persons with co-morbidities and others;

And whereas, considering the potentially harmful consequences of burning of crackers amidst COVID-19 pandemic situation and approaching winter, the State Government have directed to prohibit the sale and use of fire crackers from 10<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020 in public interest;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules, 2010, the undersigned hereby directs that the sale and use of fire crackers shall remain prohibited in all parts of the State from 10<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020.

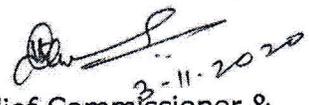
Any person found violating this order shall be punished under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant laws.

Chief Secretary, Odisha

**Memo No. 6219 /R&DM(DM)**

**Date: 03-11-2020**

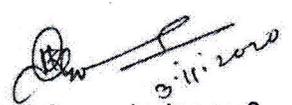
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Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.  
(Disaster Management)

**Memo No. 6220 /R&DM(DM)**

**Date: 03-11-2020**

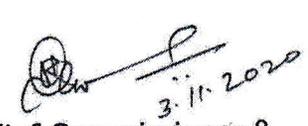
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Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.  
(Disaster Management)

**Memo No. 6221 /R&DM(DM)**

**Date: 03-11-2020**

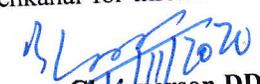
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(Disaster Management)

**DISTRICT OFFICE, DHENKANAL  
(EMERGENCY SECTION)**

**Memo No. XIV-17/20 e-9632 /Emgy/ Dt. 04.11.2020**

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Collector-cum-Chairperson, DDMA  
Dhenkanal.