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

No. 7384 /R&DM(DM)

Date: 30-12-2020

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**ORDER**

In pursuance of the revised guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 28.12.2020 for surveillance and containment of COVID-19, the State Government do hereby direct that the following guidelines shall be in force in the State of Odisha **from 01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021**:

**1. Lockdown in Containment Zones**

- i. Lockdown shall be enforced within the Containment Zones.
- ii. Local Authorities i.e., District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner shall carefully demarcate the containment zones in accordance with the guidelines of MoHFW, Government of India/ H&FW Department, Government of Odisha. The Containment Zones will be notified by the respective District Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners and information will be shared with MoHFW. The notification shall be uploaded by the District Collector and by the State on their websites.
- iii. In the Containment Zones, only essential activities will be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. There shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as prescribed/ required. Guidelines of MoHFW/ H&FW Department, Government of Odisha shall be taken into consideration for the above purpose.
- iv. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80% of contacts to be tracked in 72 hours).

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- v. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
- vi. Surveillance for ILI/ SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
- vii. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behavior.

**2. Regulation of activities in areas outside the Containment Zones**

- i. International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA will continue to remain closed till January 31, 2021.
- ii. Social/ religious/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural functions and gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 200 persons subject to the following conditions:
  - a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed subject to the above ceiling.
  - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, within the ceiling prescribed above, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.
  - c. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
  - d. Permission for such functions/ gatherings shall be accorded by the respective District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners or other officers authorised by them.

Provided that the respective District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner may further restrict the number of persons to be allowed in such functions/ gatherings keeping the local situation in mind in the interest of the health of the people and issue specific order in that regard.

- iii. Marriage related gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 200 persons and funeral/ last rites related gatherings with a ceiling of 100 persons, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed subject to the above ceilings.
  - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, subject to the above ceilings, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.
  - c. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.

The Guidelines issued by the State Government vide Order No.4014/R&DM(DM) dated 06.07.2020 (**Annexure-I**) for marriage and funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic shall be strictly followed with the above modifications on the ceiling of persons.

- iv. Business to Business (B2B) and Business to Consumers (B2C) exhibitions shall be allowed in exhibition halls with participants/ visitors up to 50% of the hall capacity subject to a maximum ceiling of 200 persons and compliance of COVID19 safety protocols. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed at any point of time, within the ceiling prescribed above, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.
- v. All Medical Colleges of the State have been allowed reopen with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. Medical College Authorities shall follow all the SOPs /guidelines with respect to social distancing and prevention of spread of epidemic issued by Central/ State Government, scrupulously.

The Department of School & Mass Education is authorised to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of schools under its control/ superintendence/ supervision in respect of classes from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Standard, in a graded manner in consultation with relevant stakeholders and issue necessary guidelines/ SOP.

The Department of Higher Education is authorized to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of Colleges/ Higher Education Institutions under its control/ superintendence/ supervision in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and by following the guidelines/ SOP issued by UGC / AICTE / Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The Department of Skill Development and Technical Education Department is authorised to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of Engineering Colleges and other Technical Education/ Skill Development Institutions under its control/ superintendence/ supervision in consultation in a graded manner in consultation with relevant stakeholders and issue necessary guidelines/ SOP.

All Academic/ Technical/ Skill Development Institutions (except Medical Colleges) will remain closed till such date as decided by the Departments concerned.

Notwithstanding closure of Academic/ Technical/ Skill Development Institutions, the followings will be permitted:

- a. Conduct of examinations (academic, competitive and entrance tests), evaluation and other administrative activities.
- b. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- c. The concerned department may permit teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to the School/ College/ Institution for online teaching/ tele-counselling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones only as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Ministry of Education/ Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI.
- d. Higher Education Institutions will be permitted to open only for research scholars (Ph.D.) and post-graduate students in science and technology stream requiring laboratory/ experimental work.
- e. All training activities including skill and professional development.

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- vi. All Anganwadi Centres shall remain closed till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and the arrangement for supply of ration to the beneficiaries shall continue.
- vii. Local Authority i.e., District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner may permit public worship in religious places/ places of worship with appropriate restrictions, based on local assessment of the situation with regard to spread of COVID-19 and in due consultation with relevant stakeholders, with observance of COVID-19 safety protocol.
- viii. Cinema halls, theatres shall be allowed to open with up to 50% of capacity and operate as per SOP issued by the Government of India/ State Government in that regard.

Open Air Theatres/ Jatras/ Entertainment Parks shall be permitted by the local authorities (District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner or officers authorized by them) to open subject to compliance of safety protocols such as mandatory wearing of face masks, physical distancing, etc.

- ix. Swimming Pools owned and controlled by Government/ recognized by the Department of Sports & Youth Services, Government of Odisha are permitted to open for training of sports persons as per SOP issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, GoI. Opening/ use of other swimming pools shall continue to remain prohibited.
- x. No authority shall impose any local lockdown at District, Sub-division, City or below level outside the containment zones and in case, it is felt absolutely necessary in the interest of containment of the disease and prevention of the spread of infection, the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner may move the Special Relief Commissioner for consultation with the Central Government. However, the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner may, impose local restrictions on mobility, congregation, operation of shops and establishments, offices and other activities, if it is so required.

**Subject to other provisions of this order, activities that are not specifically prohibited/ regulated/ restricted above are allowed subject to adherence to safety and health protocols and SOPs/ guidelines issued by appropriate authorities.**

### **3. Functioning of Offices**

All offices of State and Central Government and in Private Sector must ensure adherence to the SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in offices issued by Department of H&FW, Government of Odisha dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (**Annexure-II**). General Administration & Public Grievances Department shall issue necessary guidelines/ order on functioning of offices with staggered office timings/ reduced number of employees/ other measures for ensuring physical distancing. Non-adherence to these guidelines/ order will invite action under appropriate provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005.

#### **4. General Directives for COVID-19 Management**

The following General Directives for COVID-19 Management shall be strictly followed throughout the State:

- a. Face coverings/ Masks: Wearing of face cover/ mask properly is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and in public transport (**Annexure-III**).
- b. Physical distancing: Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places.
- c. Shops and Commercial Establishments will ensure physical distancing and use of face cover/ mask by employees and customers. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the owner of the shop/ commercial establishment, who shall be liable for any violation which may lead to penal action including closure/ sealing of the premises.
- d. Salons, Spas, Beauty Parlours and Barber shops shall ensure all safety precautions, disinfection and sanitization before and after service of each customer. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the owner, who shall be liable for any violation, which may lead to penal action including closure/ sealing of the premises.
- e. Spitting in public places will be punishable with fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws, rules or regulations (**Annexure- IV**).
- f. Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco, etc. in public places is prohibited.

#### **5. Movement of persons and goods**

- a. There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons, private vehicles and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.
- b. Inter-State and Intra-State movement of Passenger Buses is allowed.
- c. Commerce & Transport Department may issue necessary Guidelines/ SOP for regulating travel in public transport vehicles as well as boats.

#### **6. Permitted activities to be performed following prescribed SOPs**

Activities allowed/ to be allowed under these Guidelines shall be performed in accordance with appropriate Guidelines/ SOPs issued by the Central/ State Government from time to time. Web-link/ URL of some of these SOPs issued by the Government of India are available at **Annexure-V**.

## **7. Safety and Protection of vulnerable persons**

The following categories of people are advised against outdoor movement, except for essential and health purposes.

- a. Persons above 65 years of age
- b. persons with co-morbidities
- c. pregnant women
- d. children below the age of 10 years

## **8. Use of Aarogya Setu**

- i. *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- ii. With a view to ensuring safety in offices and workplaces, employers on best effort basis should ensure that *Aarogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
- iii. Organisations and Business entities with 50 or more employees are encouraged to avail the *Aarogya Setu* Open API Service (<http://openapi.aarogyasetu.gov.in>). Open API feature will facilitate organisations and employees to return to work in a COVID-19 risk free environment.
- iv. District authorities may advise individuals to install the *Aarogya Setu* application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

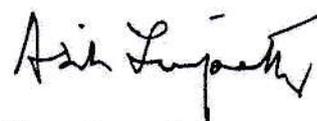
## **9. Strict enforcement of the guidelines**

- i. These guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 shall not be diluted in any manner.
- ii. All the District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners/ Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack shall strictly enforce the above measures.

## **10. Penal provisions**

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued thereunder besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure-VI**.

By order of the Governor



Chief Secretary, Odisha

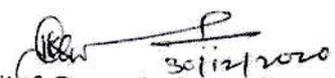
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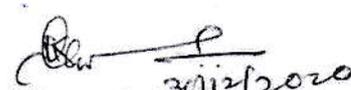
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Collector-Cum-Chairman  
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