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Dated 14th October, 2020.

ORDER

With the objective of containing the spread of COVID19 in the state of Assam, various orders under Disaster Management Act were issued prohibiting certain activities with the objective of preventing spread of Corona Virus;

Whereas the Government of India vide order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30th September, 2020 has issued latest directives;

Whereas certain issues need to be examined thoroughly before any further relaxations are allowed;

Therefore, I, Kumar Sanjay Krishna, under the powers conferred upon me under the Disaster Management Act, do hereby order that measures as stipulated in annexure attached herewith shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain till ordered otherwise;

These orders/specifications may be modified / altered at any time depending upon circumstances prevailing in the State and without any advance notice to anyone.


Chief Secretary, Assam.

Copy to: - All concerned.

ANNEXURE

Activities permitted outside of Containment Zones:-

All activities shall be allowed outside of Containment Zones except the following: -

1. Social / academic / sports / entertainment / cultural / religious / political functions and other congregations have already been permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones only. Such gatherings beyond the limit of 100 persons may be permitted, outside Containment Zones, by State Government only after 15th November, 2020, and subject to the following conditions:
 - a) In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons only after 15th November, 2020. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
 - b) In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ space in view, and with strict observance of social distancing, mandatory wearing of face masks, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer, proportionate gathering shall be allowed only after 15th November, 2020.
2. Education Department, Government of Assam will take a decision in respect of re-opening of schools and coaching institutions after 15th October in a graded manner in consultation with Health & Family Welfare Department, based on their assessment of the situation;
 - i) Online and distance learning activities are allowed to continue;
 - ii) Where schools are conducting online classes, and some students prefer to attend online classes rather than physically attend school, they may be permitted to do so;
 - iii) Students shall be allowed to visit their schools on voluntary basis and with written consent of parents for guidance from teachers only;
 - iv) Attendance must not be enforced, and must depend entirely on parental consent;
 - v) Education Department will prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding health and safety precautions for re-opening of schools/institutions based on the SOP to be issued by Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, Government of India;
 - vi) Schools, which are allowed to open, will have to mandatorily follow the SOP to be issued by Education Department;



3. Department of Higher Education (DHE) may take a decision on the timing of the opening of Colleges/ Higher Education Institutions, in consultation with Department of Health and Family Welfare, based on the assessment of the situation. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and shall be encouraged.

However, Higher Education Institutions only for research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students in science and technology stream requiring laboratory/ experimental works will be permitted to open from 15th October, 2020, as under:

- a) For Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions, the Head of Institution will satisfy herself/ himself that there is a genuine requirement of research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students in science and technology stream for laboratory/experimental works.
 - b) For all other Higher Education Institutions e.g. State Universities, Private Universities etc., they may open only for research scholars (Ph.D) and postgraduate students in science and technology stream requiring laboratory/experimental works as per decision to be taken by the State Government.
4. Swimming pools will be permitted to open with effect from 15th October, 2020, for which the SOP will be issued by Sports & Youth Welfare Department in consultation with H&FW Department;
 5. Cinemas/ theatres/ multiplexes will be permitted to open with up to 50% of their seating capacity, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, with effect from 15th October 2020, for which, SOP will be issued by Department of H & FW;
 6. Entertainment parks and similar places will be permitted to open with effect from 15th October, 2020, for which the SOP will be issued by Department of Health & Family Welfare;
 7. Business to Business Exhibitions will be permitted to open, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, with effect from 15th October 2020, for which, SOP will be issued by the Department of Industries and Commerce;
 8. International air travel of passengers is not allowed, except as permitted by MHA.
 9. Lockdown shall remain in force in all Containment Zones till 31st October, 2020;
 10. Containment Zones shall be demarcated by District Magistrates with clear delineation of borders of the same and with the sole objective of breaking the chain of transmission of COVID 19 virus ensuring that there is no



movement of people in or out of such zones except for emergency and medical purposes.

11. These Containment Zones will be notified by the District Authorities on the official website and shared with MoHFW;
12. There will be no restrictions on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate pass/ permits etc. shall be required for the same;

Advisories:-

1. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 are advised to stay at home except for medical emergencies;
2. Citizens are advised to download the Aarogya Setu application in compatible mobile phones and post regular update of their health status on the same.

Penal Provisions: -

- a) Any person violating any of the guidelines as enumerated above is liable to be prosecuted under relevant sections of Disaster Management Act and also under section 188 of IPC;
- b) Any person not wearing face cover and/ or spitting in public places shall be fined Rs.1,000/- on the spot besides being prosecuted under relevant provisions of Law;


Chief Secretary, Assam 15/10/20