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Dated: 23rd May, 2020

OFFICE ORDER

Instructions have been issued for the surveillance of inter-state returnees entering the state of Himachal Pradesh. A quarantine period of 14 days has been prescribed for such migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons who were stranded at different places outside the State. Similar procedure is being followed for the people being brought into the State through public transport including railways and also for those entering the State on e-passes issued by various authorities. The premise behind prescription of such quarantine period was the presumption that such individuals who have spent significant time outside the State potentially harbour the Corona virus and possible spread to other persons should be restricted after their entry into the State.

References are being received from various offices regarding the clarification for quarantine period for officers/ officials of the State Government who have to undertake inter-state travel in connection with performance of important official duties in public interest. Since performance of vital duties in connection with the affairs of the State during these times of national disaster is of paramount importance, it is clarified that such officers/ officials who undertake inter-state travel shall not be required to be quarantined upon their return in the State subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

1. The stay outside the State may not have exceeded 72 hours.
2. The travel to the destination and back should not have been done in a public transport and vehicle at the time of boarding/deboarding and upon return into the state should have been sanitized thoroughly as per the laid down guidelines.
3. Stay and official meetings at such place outside the State should have been done in a controlled environment with all the precautions of social distancing.
4. The concerned officer/Official will observe all precautions in relation to social distancing etc. at the place of his/her stay.
5. The Officer/official will continuously use face cover and hand sanitizer as per guidelines.
6. The Officer/Official will also ensure to comply with all the directions of local authorities of the area being visited for performance of official duties.
7. Such Officers/Officials should meticulously avoid visiting any public place other the place of stay/meeting/official business during his/her stay outside the State.

8. The concerned Officer/official undertaking such travel should have downloaded Arogya Setu application before exiting the State and upon return, the status of the application should be showing the individual as SAFE.
9. There are no symptoms like fever/cough/running nose/shortness of breath in the concerned officer/official.
10. On return, the concerned officer/Official shall continuously monitor his/her health especially flu symptoms/fever etc. and report to concerned health authorities.
11. Any person including the driver of the vehicle shall also observe all the above precautions.

By Order

Chief Secretary cum
Chairman State Executive Committee

Endorsement No. As Above

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Copy for information and necessary action to the following:-

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Heads of Department in HP.
3. All the Divisional Commissioners in HP.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners in HP.
5. All the Superintendents of Police in HP

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Director cum Special Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh