

No. Rev. (DMC) (C) 20-2/2020 (COVID-19)
Revenue Department (DMC)
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. The Administrative Secretaries to the Government of HP
2. The DGP, HP Police Department
3. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairperson (DDMA), All Districts
4. The Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh

Dated-Shimla, the 10, September 2020.

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Regarding - Directions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India compliance of Unlock-4 Guidelines and other issues relating to response to COVID 19 pandemic.

Sir/Madam,

On the subject cited above I am to say that a DO Letter has been received from the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India regarding compliance of Unlock-4 Guidelines and other issues relating to response to COVID 19 pandemic (copy enclosed). MHA vide this DO letter has requested the State Governments that with the opening up of more activities, the forthcoming festive season and some amount of pandemic fatigue, it has become even more important that we do not allow complacency to set in. We should continue, with renewed energy and vigour, our efforts for awareness generation and other actions deemed necessary for ensuring compliance of Guidelines, SOPs and national directives for COVID-19 management.

It is important to note that the orders and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under the Disaster Management Act 2005 are statutory and legally binding. You are, therefore, requested to kindly adhere to these directions and guidelines issued from time to time in letter and spirit.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,



(Onkar Chand Sharma)

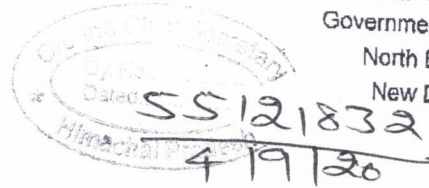
Principal Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
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D.O. No. 11015/15/2020-MHA-CR

03rd September, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

I am writing this in connection with compliance of Unlock 4 Guidelines and other issues relating to response to COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Certain areas of concern as highlighted in my earlier DO letters of even number dated 18th July, 28th July and 10th August 2020, continue to be relevant. With the opening up of more activities, the forthcoming festive season and some amount of pandemic fatigue, it has become even more important that we do not allow complacency to set in. We should continue, with renewed energy and vigour, our efforts for awareness generation and other actions deemed necessary for ensuring compliance of Guidelines, SOPs and national directives for COVID-19 management.

3. Several States have taken salutary steps and with the support of community leaders, they have ensured that various festivals are celebrated as per the prevailing guidelines and directions, as well as the SOP issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. I would request you to continue your endeavour in this regard.

4. Ministry of Home Affairs' Unlock 4 Order of 29th August 2020 makes it clear that lockdown will be limited to Containment Zones and that State/ UT Governments should not impose any local lockdown, outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central Government. Further, the order directs that there shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries, and that no separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements. However, we continue to receive reports that the orders are not being followed in some States. In overall public interest, I would urge you to ensure that these directives are complied with in letter and spirit. Strict directions in this regard should be conveyed right upto the cutting edge level.

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5. With the rise in number of cases, meticulous identification of containment zones at micro level, strict perimeter control, and monitoring of home quarantine and home isolation cases continue to be critical to check the spread of pandemic. We should not let one's guard down and ensure that the ambulance services and control rooms continue to function seamlessly and patients are brought to the hospital in time. Smart testing along with hospital management and surveillance are the key to manage the pandemic in the forthcoming period.
6. We have received reports regarding certain instances of resentment against conduct of COVID-19 tests, particularly in rural areas, as people are hesitant to undergo institutional quarantine/hospitalisation due to alleged poor facilities therein. I would request you to review the matter and ensure proper hygienic facilities.
7. There have also been reports regarding protests and resentment amongst healthcare professionals and other frontline workers. In order to keep up their morale, it is extremely important that their genuine demands and concerns are addressed expeditiously.
8. With extensive use of PPE kits, face masks etc. at multifarious venues such as homes, airports etc., bio-medical waste management has to be monitored closely so that such waste should not become a source of infection.
9. Facilities for non-COVID patients in some areas continue to pose a challenge, especially with the onset of seasonal diseases. I would request you to closely monitor availability of such facilities along with observance of safety protocols.
10. Concerns relating to dead body management continue to crop up sporadically. In case any such incident is reported, the same should be enquired into and proper SOP be put in place in order to avoid recurrence of such incident.
11. I would request you to ensure that proper arrangements are made to facilitate the students as well as institutions for various examinations that are being held in the forthcoming period. Concerns of students need to be addressed pro-actively and sensitively.

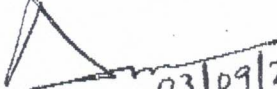
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12. Let us continue our efforts to intensify our messaging on observance of social distancing and other national directives to curb the spread of pandemic, as also to mitigate the hardship being faced by people. I am sure with our continued and combined efforts, we will be able to handle the issues effectively.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



03/09/2020
(Ajay Bhalla)

Chief Secretaries of All States
(As per Standard List attached)