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Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2020-COVID-19
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Revenue Department-Disaster Management Cell

Shimla-171002
Date 31 December 2020

Order

Whereas, an order for Surveillance, Containment and Caution required to prevent the spread of COVID 19 pandemic in Himachal Pradesh was issued by the State Executive Committee on dated 28.11.2020 and its validity was extended upto 5.01.2021 by the order dated 15.12. 2020 and it was partially amended vide the order dated 24.12.2020.

Whereas above orders issued were as per the directions of the NEC order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 25.11.2020 and which has now been extended upto 31.01.2021 vide recent NEC Order of even no. dated 28.12.2020;

And whereas, vide D.O. No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 28.12.2020 the Home Secretary, GOI has sought specific attention of the States on the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in suomotu WP (C) No.7 decided on dated 18.12.2020 vide which it has been directed that the State Governments should ensure strict enforcement of SOPs/Guidelines for compliance of COVID 19 appropriate behaviour such as wearing of masks, keeping social distancing etc.; stern action against those violating guidelines/SOPs; regulation of gatherings etc. and to consider imposition of curfew on weekends/night and to enforce complete lockdown in containment zones.

Now therefore, taking note of the above directions from NEC, Home Secretary Government of India, and the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and in view of the current COVID 19 pandemic situation in the State of Himachal Pradesh, the earlier directions issued by the SEC are reiterated with additional conditions which will remain in force upto 31.01.2021, unless amended earlier. All the Departments and Organizations of the State Government, District Magistrates, Police Officers/Officials and Local Authorities of the State to ensure strict compliance of the following directions please:-

1. No Restriction on Inter-State and Intra-State Movement:

There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit/registration will be required for such movements. However, inter-State movement of public transport buses, as already ordered, shall be operated only as per the SOPs to be issued by the Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh after ensuring full readiness to comply with the SOPs.

2. Quarantine Requirements:

Quarantine requirements will be as prescribed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare from time to time.

3. Social/ Entertainment/ Cultural/ Religious/ Political/ Marriages/ Funeral and other Congregations:

- a. In gathering either indoor or outdoor, a maximum of 50 persons will be allowed. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand

wash or sanitizer will be mandatory in all such venues.

- b. In gatherings where community kitchen or *Dhaam*, or professional catering is to be arranged, it is to be ensured that bio-degradable disposable plates, glasses and cutlery is used only. The managers and catering staff as far as possible, will be required to undergo tests through Rapid Antigen/RT-PCR test kits for COVID-19 with the help of local health officials not earlier than 96 hours before the event. They will also ensure adherence to highest level of personal and environmental hygiene all the times, especially at the time of preparing, serving /eating meals and disposal of the waste etc.
- c. Prior intimation of such gathering shall be given to District Administration — Deputy Commissioner/ SDM/ Tehsildar of the area, who if need be, can order the event to be video graphed by the organisers themselves.
- d. Maximum efforts shall be made for inauguration and foundation stone ceremonies through virtual platforms.
- e. Organizers shall be responsible to ensure compliance of these conditions & other SOPs issued, failing which they will be liable to be prosecuted or fine shall be imposed upon them.
- f. The respective District Magistrates/Superintendents of Police will take adequate measures to implement these orders with the support of all the PRIs and ULBs in letter and spirit. While granting permissions to the organizers, the local administration may impose additional conditions, as deemed fit, to contain the spread of COVID-19.

4. Night Curfew & other Important Instructions

- a. There will be Night Curfew in district Mandi, Shimla, Kullu and Kangra from 10.00 PM to 6.00 AM. There shall be no movement of persons and vehicles except those involved in the maintenance/delivery of essential/emergency goods &/or services or in case of medical emergency during these hours for the period mentioned above. Public buses however will be allowed to transit through or originate or terminate their journey in these districts even during curfew hours. Respective District Magistrate will issue orders in this regard.
- b. Inter-State as well as Intra State buses will operate at 50% of capacity. Transport Department will issue necessary Orders in this regard.
- c. Strict compliance of directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in WP (C) No.7 decided on dated 18.12.2020 and conveyed by Home Secretary's DO. letter No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 28.12.2020 in letter and spirit will be ensured by all concerned and the District Magistrates will monitor implementation of these directions.
- d. As per para 3 (2) of Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders (ibid) the committee is constituted as under:
 - (i) Additional Deputy Commissioner/Additional District Magistrate-Chairperson
 - (ii) Chief Medical Officer
 - (iii) Commandant-Home Guard/District Fire Officer
 - (iv) Representative of Superintendent of Police of the district
 - (v) Local Sub-Divisional Magistrate

The above committee can co-opt any other members required and complete the task mandated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

5. Directives for COVID-19 Management:

In addition to the National Directives on COVID-19 Management as contained in MHA order dated 28.12.2020 (copy enclosed), the following directives shall be strictly adhered to and enforced by all concerned authorities:

- a. All the Heads of Offices/Institutions (Health, etc.), especially those with large public dealings, shall take steps to reduce overcrowding in their establishments, maintain social distancing, and reduce public footprint in offices. Use of online platforms and token/permits system will be encouraged to provide services and reduce queues in offices/institutions. Preference will be given to hold review meetings through web-based systems.
- b. District Administration shall keep a close watch on crowding in urban settings and take proactive measures to implement social distancing and face cover/wearing of marks.
- c. All the office bearers of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) shall ensure implementation of directives with respect to number of persons allowed to participate in marriage functions and funerals and restrictions imposed on social/ political/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ marriages/ funerals and other large congregations in their respective jurisdictions. Violations of directives in this regard shall be brought to the notice of the District Administration forthwith.
- d. All the project proponents, industrialists, contractors, orchardists, agriculturists, etc. will ensure that their workers maintain social distancing and take preventive measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in workplace and residential settings.
- e. People without face cover/mask will not be allowed to board public transport such as buses and taxis and provided any services/goods in public offices or private establishments/shops.
- f. All non-essential travels, physical interactions and visits to public places/establishments shall be discouraged.

6. Community Awareness:

Responsible behaviour on the part of all people through adoption of the prescribed safety precautions and self-regulation is critical to the containment measures being adopted for combating COVID-19. Negligence or non-adoption of prescribed safety measures can be harmful not only to the person concerned or his family and his colleague but also to the society. Therefore, there is continuous need to keep the awareness campaign alive and ensuring institutionalization of social distancing measure taken so far which have helped in containing the spread of COVID-19 in the State. In order to ensure this, the following measures may be taken:-

- a. The NGOs, CBOs and other voluntary organisations may also be encouraged to associate in HIM-SURAKSHA campaign in all earnestness for disseminating this message.
- b. The District Administration should also involve IAG Network and DRR volunteers and those who have volunteered their services to fight COVID-19 in HIM-SURAKSHA. in educating the public at vantage places and in ensuring social distancing as well as wearing face marks/cover.

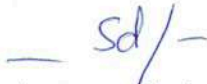
7. Penal Provisions:

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 111, 114 & 115 of HP Police Act, 2007 and Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extract of these penal provisions under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the State with immediate effect and till 31.01.2021 or further orders, whichever is earlier.

Encls.

- (i) **Annexure 1:** NEC Order dated 28.12.2020
- (ii) **Annexure 2:** NEC Order dated 25.11.2020
- (iii) **Annexure 3:** DO Note from Home Secretary, GoI dated 28.12.2020
- (iv) **Annexure 4:** Supreme Court Suo Motu Writ Petition (C) No.7 dated 18.12.2020



Chief Secretary cum Chairperson, SEC
Himachal Pradesh.

To

- 1.All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2.All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
- 3.All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
- 4.All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
- 5.The Director I & PR for wider dissemination.

Copy for information to:

- 1.The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- 2.All the Members of SDMA.
- 3.All the members of the State Executive Committee.
- 4.Principal PS cum Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister-cum-Chairperson, SDMA.


Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

No .40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 28th December, 2020

ORDER

In exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution issued *vide* Ministry of Home Affairs' Order of even number dated 25.11.2020, will remain in force upto 31.01.2021.


Union Home Secretary
and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To

1. The Secretaries of Ministries /Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories (As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

Annexure 2

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 25th November, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 30.09.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 31.10.2020, which was further extended for a period upto 30.11.2020 vide an Order of even number dated 27.10.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an order with guidelines for containment of COVID-19 in the country;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines for surveillance, containment and caution, as **annexed**, will be in force upto 31.12.2020.


Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

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Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution

**[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A)
dated 25th November, 2020]**

The country is at a critical juncture in its fight against COVID-19. The number of active cases has declined steadily over the last two months, from over 10 lakhs, on September 18, 2020, to less than 4.5 lakhs now. However, over the last few weeks, the number of new cases has been rising in some States and UTs. The confluence of certain factors, viz., the recent festival season and the onset of winter, and the laxity in observance of the COVID-19 guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in certain parts of the country pose the risk of the situation becoming aggravated, thus putting a strain on the health infrastructure. In some States and UTs, the spike observed in the number of new cases has already led to re-imposition of restrictions such as Night Curfew, limitations on number of persons in gatherings, restricted timings of markets etc. In the above context, with a view to consolidating the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of COVID-19, and to fully overcome the pandemic, the need of the hour is to maintain caution and strictly follow the prescribed containment strategy, focussed on surveillance, containment and strict observance of the guidelines.

Over the last few months, economic and other activities have been opened up in a phased manner, with the stipulation that the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) be scrupulously followed. The essence behind graded re-opening and progressive resumption of activities is to move ahead. However, there is a concomitant need to exercise due care. Every citizen must adopt COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, so as to ensure that the resumption of activities is successful and gains made in the management of the pandemic are not negated. The following guidelines are issued to be effective from 1st December 2020.

COVID appropriate behavior

1. State/ UT Governments shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured.
2. Wearing of face masks is an essential preventive measure. In order to enforce this core requirement, States and UTs may consider administrative actions, including imposition of appropriate fines, on persons not wearing face masks in public and work spaces.
3. Observance of social distancing in crowded places, especially in markets, weekly bazaars and public transport, is also critical for containing the spread of the infection. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) will issue a SOP to regulate crowds in market places, which shall be strictly enforced by States and UTs.


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4. SOPs for regulating travel in aircrafts, trains and metro rails are already in place, which shall be strictly enforced. States and UTs shall issue necessary guidelines for regulating travel in other modes of public transport, e.g., buses, boats etc., and ensure that these are strictly complied with.
5. The National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in **Annexure I**, shall be strictly followed throughout the country.

Surveillance and Containment

6. Effective demarcation of Containment Zones, in vulnerable and high incidence areas, is key to breaking the chain of transmission and controlling the spread of the virus. Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities, at the micro level, taking into consideration the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in this regard. The list of Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors and by the States/ UTs. This list will also be shared with MoHFW.
7. Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW, shall be scrupulously followed, as under:
 - i. Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
 - iv. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.
 - v. 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 traced in 72 hours).
 - vi. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
 - vii. Clinical interventions, as prescribed, shall be administered.
 - viii. Surveillance for ILI/ SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
 - ix. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
8. **It shall be the responsibility of local district, police and municipal authorities to ensure that the prescribed Containment measures are**

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strictly followed. State/ UT Governments shall ensure accountability of the officers concerned in this regard.

Strict adherence to the prescribed SOPs

9. All activities have been permitted outside Containment Zones, except for the following, which have been permitted with certain restrictions:
 - i. International air travel of passengers, as permitted by MHA.
 - ii. Cinema halls and theatres, with upto 50% capacity.
 - iii. Swimming pools, only for training of sports persons.
 - iv. Exhibition halls, only for business to business (B2B) purposes.
 - v. Social/ religious/ sports/ entertainment/ educational/ cultural/ religious gatherings, with upto a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity, with a ceiling of 200 persons in closed spaces; and keeping of the size of the ground/ space in view, in open spaces.However, based on their assessment of the situation, State/ UT Governments may reduce the ceiling to 100 persons or less, in closed spaces.
10. SOPs have been prescribed for various activities. These include: movement by passenger trains; air travel; metro trains; schools; higher educational institutions; hotels and restaurants; shopping malls, multiplexes and entertainment parks; yoga centres and gymnasiums; assemblies and congregations, etc.
11. For ease of reference, the list of activity wise SOPs with their web-links is given at **Annexure II**.
12. The SOPs shall be strictly enforced by the authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their strict observance.

Local restrictions

13. States and UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions, with a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 such as night curfew. However, State/ UT Governments shall not impose any local lockdown (State/ District/ sub-division/City level), outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central Government.
14. States and UTs also need to enforce social distancing in offices. In cities, where the weekly Case Positivity Rate is in more than 10%, States and UTs concerned shall consider implementing staggered office timings and other suitable measures, with a view to reduce the number of employees attending office at the same time, thereby ensuring social distancing.
15. There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under


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Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

Protection of vulnerable persons

16. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

Use of *Aarogya Setu*

17. *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
18. With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that *Aarogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
19. Organizations and Business entities with 50 or more employees are encouraged to avail the *Aarogya Setu* OpenAPI Service (<https://openapi.aarogyasetu.gov.in>). OpenAPI feature will facilitate Organisations and employees to return to work in a COVID 19 risk free environment.
20. 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.

Strict enforcement of the guidelines

21. State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.
22. For the enforcement of social distancing, State/ UT Governments may, as far as possible, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.
23. All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

Penal provisions

24. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure III**.


Union Home Secretary

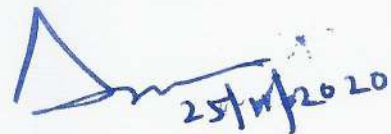
and, Chairman, National Executive Committee

NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

Additional directives for Work Places

4. **Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
5. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
6. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and of hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
7. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
8. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.



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Annexure II

LIST OF SOPS PRESCRIBED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

S No	Name of Activity	SOP issue date	Weblink
1	Sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports and their movement	21.04.20	https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrder_21042020_0.pdf
2	Movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad	Revised on 22.08.20	https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA_SOP_dtd_22_08_2020_on_international_travel_under_Vande_Bharat_and_Bubble_flights.pdf
3	Movement of persons by train	19.05.20	https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA%20Order%20Dt.%2019.5.2020%20reg.%20revised%20SoPs%20on%20movement%20of%20stranded%20workers%20by%20trains.pdf
4	Domestic air travel of passengers	25.05.20	https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/Order_dated_25th_May_2020_on_recommencement_of_domestic_air_services.pdf
5	Religious places/ places of worship	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/2SoPstobefollowedinReligiousPlaces.pdf
6	Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/3SoPstobefollowedinRestaurants.pdf
7	Shopping Malls	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/4SoPstobefollowedinShoppingMalls.pdf
8	Offices	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/1SoPstobefollowedinOffices.pdf#_blank
9	Training Institutions of the Central and State Governments	05.07.20	https://dopt.gov.in/sites/default/files/Scan101.pdf
10	Yoga Institutes and gymnasiums	03.08.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesonyogainstitutesandgymnasiums03082020.pdf

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11	Metro Rail	03.09.20	http://mohua.gov.in/cms/covid19metrosop.php
12	Skill or entrepreneurship training institutions, higher educational institutions conducting doctoral courses and post graduate studies in technical & professional programs requiring laboratory /experimental work.	08.09.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FinalSOPonSkillinstitutions&PGinstitutes08092020.pdf
13	Schools	05.10.20	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/SOP_Guidelines_for_reopening_schools.pdf
14	Cinema hall/ theatres/ multiplex	06.10.20	https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/SOP%20for%20exhibition%20of%20films.pdf
15	Festivals	06.10.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/StandardOperatingProceduresonpreventivemeasurestocontainspreadofCOVID19duringfestivities.pdf#_blank
16	Colleges/ Higher Education Institution	07.11.20	https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1360511_UC-Guidelines-for-Re-opening-of-Universities-and-Colleges.pdf
17	Entertainment parks and similar places	08.10.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/SOPonpreventivemeasurestobefollowedinEntertainmentParksandsimilarplacestocontainspreadofCOVID19.pdf
18	Anganwadi Kendra	11.11.20	https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/AWC%20services%20continuation_0.pdf
19	Various congregations	-	Issued by the respective States/ UTs

Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures

A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause —

- (a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
- (b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.—Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.

55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his

knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.

57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

- (a) “company” means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
- (b) “director”, in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

59. Previous sanction for prosecution.—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.

60. Cognizance of offences.—No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by—

- (a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or
- (b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.

B. Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or tends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.



D.O. No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)

28th December, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

Kindly refer to Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) Order of even number issued today by which guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution, that were issued vide Order dated 25.11.2020, have been extended upto 31st January, 2021.

2. As you are aware, while the number of active cases are declining steadily for last 2-3 months, the overall situation appears optimistic. However, keeping in view the fresh surge in cases globally and emergence of new variant of virus in United Kingdom, there is a need for maintaining caution and strict surveillance.

3. Strict vigil is also needed to be maintained to prevent any fresh surge in cases in wake of upcoming New year celebrations and ongoing winter season which are favourable for the spread of the virus. In this regard, appropriate measures may be taken by the State / UT Governments.

4. Further, Government of India has started preparations for administration and roll-out of vaccine for COVID-19. The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has recommended prioritization of this vaccine during the initial phases to Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, Persons aged 50 years and above and those below 50 years of age with comorbidities. States/UTs may instruct the concerned authorities for their active support to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in identification, preparation of database, vaccine delivery, storage, security, shipment and vaccination of beneficiaries.

5. Attention is also drawn here that on 18th December, 2020, in a suomotu WP (C) No. 7, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has issued directions to State Governments, inter-alia, for strict enforcement of guidelines/ SOPs issued by Union/ State Governments; strict compliance on COVID-Appropriate behaviour such as, wearing of masks, keeping social distancing etc.; stern action against those who are violating guidelines/ SOPs; regulation of gatherings etc. consider imposition of curfew on weekends/ night and to enforce complete lockdown in containment zones. A copy of the aforesaid Order is enclosed for taking necessary action.


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6. I would like to re-emphasize that essence behind the graded re-opening and progressive resumption of activities is to move ahead. However, there is a concomitant need to exercise due care. States/UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions with a view to contain the spread of COVID-19, such as night curfew. However, 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.

7. I would urge you to ensure compliance of the aforesaid guidelines and direct all authorities concerned for its strict implementation. Further, guidelines issued by MHA and consequent Orders issued by the respective State Governments/ UT Administration should be widely disseminated to the public and to the field functionaries for implementation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhalla) 28/12/2020

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

REPORTABLE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

SUO MOTU WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.7 OF 2020

IN RE: THE PROPER TREATMENT OF COVID 19 PATIENTS AND
DIGNIFIED HANDLING OF DEAD BODIES IN THE HOSPITALS ETC.

O R D E R

1. We have heard Shri Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General for India and learned counsel appearing for various States. By our order dated 27.11.2020 passed in this proceeding we have taken suo motu cognizance of the incident which happened in Rajkot, Gujarat on 26.11.2020 resulting in death of Covid patients in the Covid Hospital. The Court has also taken notice of earlier incidents of fire in Covid Hospitals. Learned Solicitor General had submitted that immediate steps shall be taken and the report will be submitted. State of Gujarat was also directed to submit the report.

2. Affidavits have been filed by Union of India on 30.11.2020 and 11.12.2020. The Union of India in its affidavit dated 30.11.2020 has brought on record the letter dated 28.11.2020 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The Government of India issued advisory to all the States to prevent the

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recurrence of fire incident in Covid Hospitals and Nursing Homes. The Union of India has called for the status of implementation of guidelines issued in reference to preventing recurrence of fire accidents in Hospitals, status of 'No Objection Certificate', report regarding inspection and re-inspection of Hospitals and Nursing Homes. In pursuance of the orders issued by Union of India to all the States, status reports were sent to the Union of India which has been compiled in Affidavit dated 11.12.2020. Although different States and Union Territories have taken measures and conducted inspections, found out shortcomings regarding prevention of occurrence of fire in the Hospitals and Nursing Homes, further, audits and inspections are required to be taken. Few States have also filed their separate affidavits enumerating their steps taken by them in compliance of the advisory and requirement for. The Union of India has directed the States and Union Territories to update their respective local building bye laws/fire services synchronising them in line of "Model Bill on maintenance of fire and emergency service, 2019", circulated by Ministry of Home Affairs on 16.09.2019.

3. The State of Gujarat has filed separate affidavit

bringing on record the directions issued by the State and the details of inspection undertaken and audit of few dedicated Covid hospitals. It has further stated that a nodal officer for fire safety has been appointed in dedicated covid hospitals (Government and Private hospitals). We with regard to above, issue following directions:-

- 1) All States/Union Territories should appoint one nodal officer for each covid hospital, if not already appointed, who shall be made responsible for ensuring the compliance of all fire safety measures.
- 2) In each district, State Government should constitute a committee to carry fire audit of each Covid hospital atleast once in a month and inform the deficiency to the management of the hospital and report to the Government for taking follow up action.
- 3) The Covid hospital who have not obtained NOC from fire department of the State should be asked to immediately apply for NOC and after carrying necessary inspection, decision shall be taken. Those Covid hospitals who have not renewed their

NOC should immediately take steps for renewal on which appropriate inspection be taken and decision be taken. In event, Covid Hospital is found not having NOC or not having obtained renewal, appropriate action be taken by the State.

4. The State of Gujarat has also brought on record the notification appointing Justice D.A. Mehta to undertake enquiry with regard to fire in Shrey Hospital, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, in addition to enquiry in to the incident of fire in Uday Shivanand Hospital, Rajkot. The State to extend all cooperation to the Enquiry Commission so that Enquiry report be submitted at early date and the appropriate remedial action be taken by the State.

5. Due to unprecedented Pandemic, everybody in the world is suffering, one way or the other. It is a world war against COVID-19. Therefore, there shall be Government Public Partnership to avoid world war against COVID-19.

6. Right to health is a fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Right to health includes affordable treatment. Therefore, it is the duty upon the State to make provisions for affordable treatment and more and more provisions in the hospitals

to be run by the State and/or local administration are made. It cannot be disputed that for whatever reasons the treatment has become costlier and costlier and it is not affordable to the common people at all. Even if one survives from COVID-19, many times financially and economically he is finished. Therefore, either more and more provisions are to be made by the State Government and the local administration or there shall be cap on the fees charged by the private hospitals, which can be in exercise of the powers under the Disaster Management Act.

7. Despite the Guidelines and SOPs issued, for lack of implementation the Pandemic has spread like wild fire. A strict and stern action should be taken against those who are violating the Guidelines and SOPs, whoever he may be and whatever position the violator is occupying.

8. Every State must act vigilantly and to work with the Centre harmoniously. It is the time to rise to the occasion. Safety and health of the citizens must be the first priority, rather than any other considerations.

9. People should understand their duty and follow rules very strictly. It is the duty of every citizen to perform their fundamental duties as guaranteed under the

Constitution of India. By not following the Guidelines/SOPs issued by the State from time to time, such as, not wearing the masks, not keeping social distances, to participate in the gatherings and the celebrations without maintaining social distances, they are ultimately not damaging themselves but they cause damage to the others also. They cannot be permitted to play with the lives of the others and they cannot be permitted to infringe the rights of other citizens, like right to health guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

10. There is a need to help and guide our people to implement the guidelines and the SOPs issued by the Government, either the Union or the State, such as, wearing of masks, keeping the social distance etc. In many States, despite the huge fine recovered, such as, Rs. 80 to 90 crores in the State of Gujarat alone, people are not following the guidelines and the SOPs. There must be a strict implementation by the authorities so as to ensure that the SOPs and the guidelines issued from time to time are strictly adhered to and followed by the people. Additional Chief Secretary (Home)/Secretary (Home) of respective States shall ensure the strict

implementation of the SOPs and the guidelines with the help of the concerned Superintendent of Police/District Superintendent of Police and the Police In-charge of the concerned police station.

11. We have already issued various directions with regard to measures to be taken to contain the Covid-19. We once again reiterate the State to issue necessary directions with regard to following measures so as to effectively monitor and supervise the implementation of various SOPs and guidelines.

- i) More and more police personnel shall be deployed at the places where there is likelihood of gathering by the people, such as, Food Courts, Eateries, Vegetable Markets (Wholesale or Retail), sabzi Mandies, bus stations, railway stations, street vendors, etc.
- ii) As far as possible, unless must, no permission shall be granted by the local administration or the Collector/DSP for celebration/gathering even during the day hours and wherever the permissions are granted, the local administration/DSP/Collector/Police In-charge of the local police station shall ensure the strict

compliance of the Guidelines/SOPs. There should be a mechanism to check the number of people attending such function/gathering, such as, the particulars with respect to how many persons are going to attend the celebration/gathering, timings during which the celebration/gathering is to take place etc.

- iii) There shall be more and more testing and to declare the correct facts and figures. One must be transparent in number of testing and declaring the facts and figures of the persons who are Corona Positive. Otherwise, the people will be misled and they will be under impression that everything is all right and they will become negligent.
- iv) Whenever directions are issued under the Disaster Management Act directing the corporate hospitals/private hospitals to keep 50% or any other percentage free municipal beds, it must be strictly complied with and there shall be constant vigilance and supervision.
- v) There shall be free helpline numbers to redress the grievances of common man, when there is non-compliance of the directions by the private hospitals/corporate hospitals.

- vi) Curfew on weekends/night be considered by States where it is not in place.
 - vii) In a micro containment zone or in an area where number of cases are on higher side, to cut the chain, they should be sealed and there should be complete lockdown so far as such areas are concerned. Such containment areas need to be sealed for few days except essential services. The same is required to break the chain of virus spread.
 - viii) Any decision to impose curfew and/or lockdown must be announced long in advance so that the people may know and make provisions for their livelihood, like ration etc.
 - ix) Another issue is a fatigue of front row health care officers, such as, Doctors, Nurses as well as workers. They are already exhausted physically and mentally due to tireless work for eight months. Some mechanism may be required to give them intermittent rest.
12. One more issue has been raised before us regarding gathering organised by Political parties. The Political parties organise different proceedings in connection of

election as well as in reference to election of different level including the General Election which are to take place in few States next year.

13. The Election Commission of India has issued broad guidelines for conduct of General Elections/Bye-Elections during Covid-19 in August, 2020. With regard to campaign of political parties following are the guidelines issued by Election Commission of India: -

"13. CAMPAIGN BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES/CONTESTING CANDIDATES

- 1) **Door to Door Campaign:** - Subject to any other restriction(s) including extant COVID-19 guidelines, a group of 5(five) persons including candidates, excluding security personnel, if any, is allowed to do door to door campaigning.
- 2) **Road Shows:** -The Convoy of vehicles should be broken after every 5(five) vehicles instead of 10 vehicles (excluding the security vehicles, if any). The interval between two sets of convoy of vehicles should be half an hour instead of gap of 100 meters. (In supersession of Para 5.8.1 of Returning Officer's Handbook 2019)"
- 3) **Election Meetings:** - Public gatherings/rallies may be conducted subject to adherence to extant COVID-19 guidelines. District Election Officer should take following steps for this purpose.
 - (a) District Election Officer should, in advance, identify dedicated

grounds for public gathering with clearly marked Entry/Exit points.

- (b) In all such identified grounds, the District Election Officer should, in advance, put markers to ensure social distancing norms by the attendees.
- (c) Nodal District Health Officer should be involved in the process to ensure that all COVID-19 related guidelines are adhered to by all concerned in the district.
- (d) District Election Officer and District Superintendent of Police should ensure that the number of attendees does not exceed the limit prescribed by State Disaster Management Authority for public gatherings.
- (e) DEO should depute Sector Health Regulators to oversee that COVID-19 instructions/guidelines are being followed during these meetings.
- (f) The political parties and candidates concerned should ensure that all COVID-19 related requirement like face masks, sanitizers, thermal scanning etc. are fulfilled during each of these activities.
- (g) Non-Compliance of Instructions: - Anybody violating instructions on COVID-19 measures will be liable to proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section

1988 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable, as specified in Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th July, 2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs. District Election Officer should bring this to the notice of all concerned.

- 4) Allocation of public spaces must be done using Suvidha app in the manner already prescribed by Commission."

14. All the States / Union Territories to issue necessary directions to ensure compliance of aforesaid guidelines and guidelines although were issued by General Election/Bye Election, that can be implemented by different States with suitable modifications with reference to Elections of other organisations to ensure safety of people in general from Covid-19.

15. We allow further four weeks' time to all the States and Union of India to file affidavit bringing on record various measures as indicated in this order for consideration and further directions.

List after four weeks.

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New Delhi,
December 18, 2020.

ITEM NO.1
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Court 7 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No(s).7/2020

IN RE THE PROPER TREATMENT OF COVID 19 PATIENTS AND DIGNIFIED
HANDLING OF DEAD BODIES IN THE HOSPITALS ETC.

(IA No. 63664/2020 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING ORIGINAL
VAKALATNAMA/OTHER DOCUMENT

- IA No. 54973/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
- IA No. 55794/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
- IA No. 56067/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
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- IA No. 54881/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
- IA No. 55938/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
- IA No. 68811/2020 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
- IA No. 54900/2020 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION
- IA No. 55936/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
- IA No. 56420/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
- IA No. 68639/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
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- IA No. 74670/2020 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
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- IA No. 55937/2020 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
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- IA No. 77370/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 54971/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 55935/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 68561/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 54897/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 57318/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
- IA No. 54902/2020 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

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IA No. 54978/2020 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON
IA No. 56419/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Four weeks' time is granted to all the States and Union of India to file affidavit to bring on record various measures as indicated in the signed reportable order for consideration and further directions.

(MEENAKSHI KOHLI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(RENU KAPOOR)
BRANCH OFFICER

[Signed reportable order is placed on the file]