

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR-CUM-DISRICT MAGISTRATE

No.1703/DM/D2/2020/52

Dated: 12.06.2020

ORDER

- Sub: DM – COVID-19 – Preventive measures to contain covid-19 in Foster/Old age homes – Instruction issued- Reg.
- Ref: i. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
ii. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
iii. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30.05.2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
iv. Supreme Court order dated 03.04.2020 in Suo Moto W.P.(C)4/2020.

In the wake of the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) situation which has been declared as a Disaster under the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005, has prompted this District Administration to take several preventive measures.

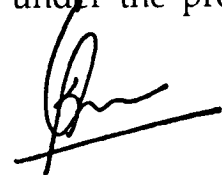
2. Now, in pursuance of the Order issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide reference cited (iv)th above and in the light of the direction of the Hon'ble High of Madras to the Tamilnadu Government on the issue of corona infection to the in-mates of an orphanage. It is imperative that adequate measures are taken with regard to protection of Children in protections homes and old age people in Old age homes (both Private and Government) from spread of Covid19.

3. Therefore, in excess of the powers conferred upon me under Disaster Management Act 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897 the following measures are ordered.

- i) Ensure availability of adequate Food, drinking water and other necessities such as clean clothes, menstrual hygiene products etc.
- ii) Ensure adequate availability of good quality face masks, soap, disinfections etc.
- iii) Make provisions to ensure that Counselling is made available, and that there are Monitoring systems in place to protect violence, abuse and neglect which may be exacerbated during this pandemic.
- iv) Develop a system how to organise trained volunteers who could step into care for children / old age, when the need arises.

4. The above directions shall be implemented by the Director, Department of Social Welfare and shall act as a nodal agency in the monitoring of the related activities. Further in order to ensure the same surprise inspections should be conducted in the Protections/Foster homes and in Old age homes (both Private and Government) and submit a compliance report in this regard immediately.

5. Any violation of the above instructions is punishable under the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897.



(Dr. T. ARUN, I.A.S.)
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To

1. The Director, Social Welfare Department, Puducherry
2. The Director, Adi-dravidar Welfare Department, Puducherry
3. The Commissioners, Puducherry / Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry.
4. The Commissioners of Commune Panchayats, Puducherry.

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1. All Secretaries, Govt. of Puducherry.
2. The Sr. Supdt. of Police (Law & Order), Puducherry.
3. The PS to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry.
4. The PS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry.
5. The PS to the Hon'ble Ministers of Puducherry.
6. The Sub Divisional Magistrate (North)/(South), Puducherry.
7. The Director, LAD, Puducherry
8. The Superintendent of Police (North/South/East), Puducherry
9. The Enforcement Team Heads