GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

No. 1703/DRDM/DM/D2/2020/47

Dated: 31.05.2020

ORDER

Sub: DRDM – COVID-19 – Revised guidelines for enforcement of extended Lock Down Measures-Reg.

Ref: i. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897

ii. The Disaster Management Act, 2005

iii. G.O.Ms.No. 03/2020 dated 23.03.2020 of the Department of

Revenue & Disaster Management, Puducherry.

iv. Order No.1703/DRDM/DM/D2/2020/25 Dated: 3rd May 2020

v. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30.05.2020 of Ministry

of Home Affairs, Government of India.

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 Administration to take several preventive measures involving all line departments. The Administration has been issuing various orders and instructions to restrict the movement of people and ensure essential services / activities.

- Now, in pursuance of the Order and Guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide reference cited above, revised lock down measures will continue to be implemented in the Containment Zones of the UT of Puducherry for a further period up to 30th June 2020.
- Accordingly, the Standard Operating Procedure for implementation of lock down measures has been revised as per the guidelines annexed to this order.

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To

- 1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry
- 2. The Development Commissioner, Puducherry.
- 3. The Director General of Police, Puducherry
- 4. All Secretaries, Govt. of Puducherry.
- 5. The District Collector, Puducherry, Karaikal
- 6. The Regional Administrator, Mahe / Yanam
- 7. All Head of Departments, Puducherry
- 8. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, North/South
- 9. The Sr. Superintendent of Police (Law & Order), Pdy.
- 10. The Commissioners, All Municipalities
- 11. The Tahsildar, All Taluk Offices
- 12. The Commissioners All Commune Panchayats.

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- 1. The P.S. to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry
- 2. The P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry
- 3. The P.S. to Hon'ble Ministers, Puducherry.

For strict Enforcement

For information

ANNEXURE

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Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock 1)

1. Phased re-opening of areas outside the Containment Zones

In areas outside Containment Zones, all activities will be permitted, except the following, which will be allowed, with the stipulation of following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), in a phased manner:

Phase I

The following activities will be allowed with effect from 8 June, 2020:

- (i) Religious places/ places of worship for public.
- (ii) Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services.
- (iii) Shopping malls.

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the above activities to be issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for ensuring social distancing and to contain the spread of COVID-19 shall be adhered.

Phase II

Schools, colleges, educational/ training/ coaching institutions etc., will be opened after consultations at the institution level with parents and other stakeholders. Based on the feedback, a decision on the re-opening of these institutions will be taken in the month of July, 2020 by the Education Department, Puducherry.

The SOP to be issued by MoHFW in this regard for ensuring social distancing and to contain the spread of COVID-19 shall be adhered.

Phase III

Based on the assessment of the situation, dates for re-starting the following activities will be decided:

- (i) Cinema halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
- (ii) Social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions and other large congregations.

2. National Directives for COVID-19 Management

National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in **Annexure I**, shall continue to be followed

Night curfew

Movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 9.00 pm to 5.00 am, except for essential activities.

Lockdown limited to Containment Zones

- (i) Lockdown shall continue to remain in force in the Containment Zones till 30 June, 2020.
- (ii) Containment Zones will be demarcated by the District authorities after taking into consideration the guidelines of MoHFW.
- (iii) In the Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed. 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. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be taken into consideration for the above purpose.
- (iv) The Incident Commanders may also identify Buffer Zones outside the Containment Zones, where new cases are more likely to occur. Within the buffer zones, restrictions as considered necessary may be put in place by the District authorities.

Unrestricted movement of persons and goods

- (i) The District Collectors/Regional Administrators shall decide in allowing the inter district movement of People in coordination with the adjoining District authorities and issue orders. No separate permission/approval/e-permit will be required for such movements.
- (ii) However, if the District Authorities, based on reasons of public health and its assessment of the situation, proposes to regulate movement of persons, it will give wide publicity in advance regarding the restrictions to be placed on such movement, and the related procedures to be followed.
- (iii) There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of goods.
- (iv) Movement by passenger trains and Shramik special trains; domestic passenger air travel; movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad; evacuation of foreign nationals; and sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers will continue to be regulated as per SOPs issued.

Protection of vulnerable persons

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

- (i) Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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.

8. Penal provisions

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 Sectionl88 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

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SECRETARY (REVENUE / R&R)

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.

3. Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers and will not allow more than 5 persons at one time.

4. Gatherings: Large public gatherings/ congregations continue to remain prohibited.

Marriage related gatherings: Number of guests not to exceed 50.

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- 7. Spitting in public places will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the Local Administration Department in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.
- 8. Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco etc.in public places is prohibited.

Additional directives for Work Places

- 1. Work from home (WfH): As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
- 2. Staggering of work/ business hours will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
- 3. Screening & hygiene: Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.