

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE**

No.1703/DRDM/DM/D2/2020/50

Dated: 10.06.2020

ORDER

Sub: DRDM – COVID-19 – Regulation of Auctioning / sale of Fish-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.

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 enforce National Directives on Covid 19 management and regulating the movement of people and ensure essential services / activities.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that auctioning and sale of fish in the Goubert Market, M.G road and in other places within town limit are carried out without following the Social distancing norms and other regulations prescribed for the prevention of spread of Covid-19.
3. It is reported that the Modern Hygienic Fish market, ECR Road, Lawspet was commissioned in the year 2014 and the allotment of stalls / shops in the market was also done in the year 2018, but still the facility in that building is underutilized with no auctioneer available as on date leading to unfruitful expenditure incurred by the Government. It shall be put to optimal usage in the coming days. Despite the large facility available, the auctioning of fish is still happening in the Goubert Market compromising the safety of general public at large in the wake of prevailing COVID situation.
4. Therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred upon me under the Disaster Management Act 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897 it is directed that the Fisheries Department, Police and Municipalities shall enforce the following instructions:
 - a. The auctioning and sale of fish in the road outside of the Goubert Market premises is prohibited.
 - b. Auctioning of fish inside Goubert Market is prohibited.
 - c. Auctioning of fish shall be carried out only in the Modern Hygienic Fish Market (MHFM) located at ECR Road.
 - d. The Department of Fisheries shall take care of all activities at the Auction Hall at MHFM till the time Tender for appointing an Auctioneer for the said Auction Hall is finalised by Oulgaret Municipality.
 - e. Sale of fishes on the road side is prohibited in the Puducherry and Oulgaret municipal limit and it shall happen only at the designated market places earmarked for this purpose by Municipality.

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

6. The authorities concerned shall comply with the above instruction on or before 12th June 2020.


(Dr. ARUN.T, IAS)
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To

1. The Senior Superintendent of Police (L&O), Puducherry
2. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, North
3. The Commissioner, Puducherry / Oulgaret Municipality
4. The Director of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry

Copy to:

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