NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the Administrator U T of Lakshadweep is pleased to issue following regulations regarding COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus Disease-2019)

1. These regulations may be called “The Lakshadweep Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020”.


3. Authorised person under these Regulations are Additional District Magistrate, Director Health Services, SDO’s/DC’s in the islands and Officers as authorised by the Secretary (Health) U T of Lakshadweep.

4. All Hospitals/Primary Health Centres/First-Aid Centres should have CORONA CELL for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19.

5. All Hospitals/Primary Health Centres/First -Aid Centres during screening of such cases shall record the history of travel of the person if he/she travels to any country/state or area where COVID-19 has been reported. In addition the history of coming in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be recorded.

I. In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is asymptomatic then the person must be kept in home quarantine for 14 days from the day of exposure.
case he/she has a history of visit to an area where COVID-19 is endemic and the concerned person is symptomatic.

11. If a suspected case of COVID-19 refuses admission or isolation, the officers authorised under Section 3 of these regulations will have powers to forcefully admit and isolate such case for a period of 14 days from the onset of symptoms or till the reports of Lab test are received, or such period as may be necessary.

12. If there are sufficient reasons, cause or information to suspect or believe that any persons could be infected with COVID-19 and his continued presence in a premise is hazardous to the public safety, it shall be lawful for a Surveillance Personnel to enter any such premises, after giving reasonable opportunity to the owner/occupier, for the purpose of surveillance of instances of fever or cough or respiratory difficulty, enquire into or undertake physical examination, as he/she thinks fit, and such person(s) shall be bound to cooperate and render all possible assistance to facilitate such surveillance, inspection, enquiry and examination.

13. If consequent upon such enquiry, inspection, examination or otherwise, Surveillance Personnel has reason to believe or suspect that such a person could be infected with COVIR-19, the Surveillance Personnel may direct/arrange to put that person(s) in home quarantine or direct/escort that person(s) to an ‘Institutional Quarantine Facility’ or an ‘Isolation Facility’.

14. If the owner or occupier(s) of any premises or any individual suspected/confirmed with COVID-19, refuses to take measures for prevention or treatment i.e., Home quarantine/Institutional Quarantine/Isolation or any such person refuses to co-operate with, render assistance to or comply with the directions of the Surveillance Personnel, the Concerned SDO/ Executive Magistrate having jurisdiction, may pass an appropriate order and may proceed with proceedings under section 133 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) or take any other coercive action as deemed necessary and expedient for enforcing such
violating provisions of these regulations or any other orders issued under these regulations.

18. **Protection of person acting under the regulation:** No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act unless proved otherwise.

19. These regulations shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication of this notification or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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