ORDER


     2. Order of even no. dated.25.03.2020.

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 6(2) (i) of Disaster Management Act 2005, directed all Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities to continue Lock Down measures up to 03.05.2020, vide order 1st cited.

And Whereas, in pursuance of the above order, the Lock Down imposed by Govt. of India is further extended till 3rd May, 2020 throughout Lakshadweep. The Lock Down guidelines issued, vide reference 2nd cited will continue to be in force till 3rd May, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19. The Incident Commanders are directed to enforce Lock Down without diluting the guidelines issued. However, some additional activities will be allowed only from 20.04.2020 for which separate guidelines shall be issued in due course.

To

The Deputy Collectors/Sub Divisional Officers in all islands.

Copy to
1. The Superintendent of Police, Kavaratti.
2. All Secretaries/HODs, UTL.
3. PA to Hon’ble Administrator/ PA to Advisor, UTL
In continuation of the order F.No. E/21/7/2020-Col dated 15.04.2020 the extension of the lockdown period, the following activities will continue to remain prohibited across the country until 3rd May, 2020.

i. All domestic air travel of passengers

ii. Inter-district and inter-State movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities permitted under these guidelines.

iii. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.

iv. All Industrial and commercial activities other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.

v. Hospitality services other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.

vi. Taxis (including auto rickshaws and cycle rickshaws) and services of cab aggregators.

vii. All shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, entertainment parks and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.

viii. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural religious functions/other gatherings.

ix. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.

x. In case of funerals, congregation of more than twenty persons will not be permitted.

The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
Additional activities will be permitted in a phased manner, after making all arrangements necessary for strict implementation of the guidelines. These will come into force with effect from 20th April, 2020

1. All Health Services (including AYUSH) to remain functional, such as:
   
   i. Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, telemedicine facilities.
   
   ii. Dispensaries, chemists, pharmacies, all kinds of medicine shops including Jan Aushadhi Kendras and medical equipment shops.
   
   iii. Medical laboratories and collection centres.
   
   iv. Pharmaceutical and medical research labs, institutions carrying out COVID-19 related research.
   
   v. Veterinary Hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, pathology labs, sale and supply of vaccine and medicine.
   
   vi. Authorised private establishments, which support the provisioning of essential services, or efforts for containment of COVID-19, including home care providers, diagnostics, supply chain firms serving hospitals.
   
   vii. Manufacturing units of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical oxygen, their packaging material, raw material and intermediates.
   
   viii. Construction of medical/ health infrastructure including manufacture ambulances.
   
   ix. Movement (inter and intra State, including by air) of all medical and veterinary personal, scientists, nurses, para-medical staff, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services, including ambulances.

2. Agricultural and Related Activities:

A. All agricultural and horticultural activities to remain fully functional, such as:

   i. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field including coconut tree climbers.
   
   ii. Farms operated by Agriculture Department like Agri Demonstration plots.
   
   iii. Harvesting, processing, packing, sales and marketing of coconut, arecanut etc.
   
   iv. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
   
   v. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
   
   vi. ‘Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)’ related to farm machinery.
   
   vii. Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.
   
   viii. Movement (inter and intra State) of agriculture/ horticulture implements.
B. Fisheries – the following activities will be functional:
   i. Operation of fishing (marine and inland)/aquaculture industry, including feeding & maintenance, harvesting processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing.
   ii. Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
   iii. Movement of fish/shrimp and fish products, fish seed/feed and workers for all these activities.
   iv. However, it has to be ensured that sale of fishing should be done in a mobile manner through carts after following due social distancing norms.

C. Animal Husbandry – the following activities will be functional:
   i. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.
   ii. Operation of Animal Husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries and livestock farming activity.
   iii. Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw material, such as maize and soya.

3. Financial Sector – following to remain functional:
   i. Bank branches and ATMs, IT vendors for banking operations, Banking Correspondents (BCs), ATM operation and cash management agencies.
   ii. Bank branches be allowed to work as per normal working hours till disbursal of DBT cash transfers is complete.
   iii. Local Administration to provide adequate security personnel at bank branches and BCs to maintain social distancing, law and order and staggering of account holders.
   iv. Insurance companies.
   v. Non-Banking financial institution (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) with bare minimum staff.
   vi. Cooperative Credit Societies.

4. Social Sector: following to remain functional:
   i. Operation of homes for children/ disabled/ mentally challenged/ senior citizens/ destitutes/ women/ widows.
   ii. Observation homes, after care homes and places of safety for juveniles.
   iii. Disbursement of social security pensions, e.g., old age/ widow/ freedom fighter pensions; pension and provident fund services provided by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
   iv. Operation of Anganwadis – distribution of food items and nutrition once in 15 days at the doorsteps of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers. Beneficiaries will not attend the Anganwadis.
5. Online teaching/distance learning to be encouraged:

   i. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc; shall remain closed.
   ii. However, these establishments are expected to maintain the academic schedule through online teaching.
   iii. Maximum use of Doordarshan (DD) and other educational channels may be made for teaching purposes.

6. MNREGA works to be allowed:

   i. MNREGA works are allowed with strict implementation of social distancing and face mask.
   ii. Priority to be given under MNREGA to irrigation and water conservation works.
   iii. Water conservation sectors may also be allowed to be implemented and suitably dovetailed with MNREGA works.

7. Public Utilities: following to remain functional:

   i. Operations of Oil and Gas sector, including refining, transportation, distribution, storage and retail of products, e.g., petrol, diesel, kerosene, CNG, LPG, PNG etc.
   ii. Generation, transmission and distribution of power.
   iii. Postal services, including post offices.
   iv. Operations of utilities in water, sanitation and waste management sectors.
   v. Operations of utilities providing telecommunications and internet services.

8. Movement, loading/unloading of goods/ cargo (inter and intra State) is allowed, as under:

   i. All goods traffic will be allowed to ply.
   ii. Operations of Airports and related facilities for air transport for cargo movement, relief and evacuation.
   iii. Operations of Seaports and cargo transport, including authorized custom clearing and forwarding agents.
   iv. Movement of all truck and other goods/carrier vehicles with one driver and one helper subject to the driver carrying a valid driving license; an empty truck/vehicle will be allowed to ply after the delivery of goods, or for pickup of goods.
   v. Movement of staff and contractual labour for operations airports/air carriers, seaports/ships/vessels is allowed.
9. Supply of essential goods is allowed, as under:

i. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores would be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing with restriction on their timing from 09:00AM to 06:00PM.

ii. Shops (including Kirana and single shop selling essential goods) and carts including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food and groceries (for daily use), hygiene items, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, poultry, meat and fish, animal feed and fodder etc, would be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing with restriction on their timing from 09:00AM to 06:00PM.

iii. Incident Commanders in island may encourage and facilitates home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.

iv. All shop owners shall ensure that guideline of social distancing issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are followed in true letter and spirit.

10. Commercial and private establishments, as listed below, will be allowed to operate:

i. Print and electronic media including broadcasting, DTH and cable services.

ii. IT and IT enabled Services, with up to 50% strength.

iii. Data and call centres for Government activities only.

iv. Government approved Common Service Centres (CSCs) at Gram Panchayat level.

v. Courier services.

vi. Cold storage and warehousing services in logistic chain.

vii. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.

viii. Establishments used/earmarked for quarantine facilities.

ix. Services provided by self-employed persons, e.g., electrician, IT repairs, plumbers, motor mechanics, carpenters, AC repairs, laundry services and automobile workshops.

x. The barber shops can function in alternate days with a timing restriction from 09:00AM to 06:00PM. The owner/self-employed barber should ensure that all the social distancing guidelines and other hygiene directives are followed strictly. The Incident Commanders shall ensure the same by regular checking.
11. Industries/Industrial Establishments:

i. Industries operating in rural areas.
ii. Manufacturing units of essential goods.
iii. Food processing industries in rural areas.
iv. These establishments shall make arrangements for stay of workers within their premises as far as possible and/or adjacent buildings and for implementation of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) given in Annexure-II. The transportation of construction workers to work place shall be arranged by the employers in dedicated transport by ensuring social distancing.

12. Construction activities, listed as below, will be allowed to operate:

i. Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs, in rural areas.
ii. Construction of renewable energy projects.
iii. Continuation of works in construction projects where workers are available on site and no workers are required to be brought from the mainland and no fresh permit will be given to bring workers from mainland. The SE, (PWD) shall ensure renewal of existing permits as and when necessary after following due process.
iv. Construction work relating to NIOT/ Harbour/ Jetty/ Port/ Rain harvesting structure in different islands/ Water Supply & Sanitation/ lying and erection of power transmission lines and lying of telecom optical fibre cable along with related activities.

13. Movement of Persons is allowed in the following cases:

i. Private vehicles for emergency services, including medical and veterinary care, and for procuring essential commodities. In such cases, one passenger besides the private vehicle driver can be permitted in the backseat, in case of four-wheelers; however, in case of two-wheelers, only the driver of the vehicle is to be permitted.
ii. All personnel travelling to place of work and back in the exempted categories.
iii. The HOD/ Contractor/ Employer of worker shall ensure the strict compliance of the National Directives of management of COVID-19 and SOP for social distancing. Violation if any may result in preventing further carrying out of work.
14. Persons to remain under mandatory quarantine, as under:

i. All such persons who have been directed by Health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Agencies.

ii. Persons violating quarantine will be liable to legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, 1860.

iii. Quarantined persons, who have arrived in India after 15.2.2020, after expiry of their quarantine period and being tested Covid-19 negative, will be released following the protocol prescribed in the SOP issued by MHA.

15. Instructions for enforcement of above lockdown measures:

i. All the Incident Commanders shall strictly enforce the National COVID 19 directives as specified in Annexure-I. Penalties prescribed shall be levied and collected from all persons and entities violating these directives.


i. Any person violating these lockdown 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 Sec. 188 of the IPC.

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The National Directives shall be enforced by the District Magistrate through fines and penal actions as prescribed in the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

The Incident Commanders shall ensure that following directions are strictly followed.

PUBLIC SPACES

1. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public places, work places.
2. All persons in charge of public places, work places and transport shall ensure social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. No organisation/ manager of public place shall allow gathering of 5 or more persons.
4. Funerals shall remain regulated by the Incident Commanders. Not more than 20 persons shall be permitted.
5. Spitting in public places shall be punishable with fine.
6. There should be strict ban on sale of liquor, gutka, tobacco etc. and spitting should be strictly prohibited.

WORK SPACES & ESTABLISHMENTS

7. All work places shall have adequate arrangements for temperature screening and provide sanitizers and convenient places.
8. Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing.
9. Persons above 65 years of age and persons with co-morbidities and parents of children below the age of 5 may be encouraged to work from home.
10. Use of Arogya setu will be encouraged for all employees both private and public.
11. All organisations shall sanitize their work places between shifts.
12. Large meetings to be prohibited.
13. Frequent cleaning of common surfaces and mandatory handwashing shall be mandated.
14. No overlap of shifts and staggered lunch with social distancing in canteens shall be ensured.
15. Intensive communication and training on good hygiene practices shall be taken up.
16. Workers should not travel in groups and should go in a staggered manner keeping in mind social distancing.
Standard Operating Procedure for Social Distancing for Offices, Workplace, Factories and Establishments

The following measures shall be implemented by all offices, factories and other establishments:

1. All areas in the premises including the following shall be disinfected completely using user friendly disinfectant mediums:
   a. Entrance Gate of building, office etc.
   b. Cafeteria and Canteens.
   c. Meeting room, Conference halls/ open areas available/ verandah/ entrance gate of site, bunkers, porta cabins, buildings etc.
   d. Equipment and lifts.
   e. Washroom, toilet, sink; water points etc.
   f. Walls/ all other surfaces.

2. For workers coming from outside, the state, special transportation facility will be arranged and social distancing should be maintained.

3. All vehicles and machinery entering the premises should be disinfected by spray mandatorily.

4. Mandatory thermal scanning of everyone entering and exiting the work place to be done.

5. Medical insurance for the workers to be made mandatory.

6. Provision for hand wash & sanitizer made at all entry and exit points and common areas. Sufficient quantities of all the items should be available.

7. Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing.

8. Large gatherings or meetings of 10 or more people to be discouraged. Seating at least 6 feet away from others on job sites and in gatherings, meetings and training sessions.

9. There should be strict ban of gutka, tobacco etc. and spitting should be strictly prohibited.

10. There should be total ban on non-essential visitors at sites.

11. Hospitals/clinics in the nearby areas, which are authorised to treat COVID-19 patients, should be identified and list should be available at work place all the times.