## Government of Tripura Office of the Chief Secretary

No.F.2(1)/CS/Home/2020

Dated, 3rd May, 2021.

#### ORDER.

Whereas it has come to the notice of the State Government that there is spread of  $2^{nd}$  wave of COVID-19 occurring in different parts of the state which poses a major threat to public health, hygiene and safety of the people and it is also felt that unless measures are put in place to contain the spread of the pandemic, there is chance of large scale spread of COVID-19 in the population which is likely to cause loss of human lives.

#### AND

Whereas some measures were put in place to contain spread of pandemic vide order of even no. dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. However, after review of the emerging situation, it has been decided to review the measures taken to contain the pandemic.

#### NOW

I, therefore, in the capacity of the Chairman of the State Executive Committee of Tripura State Disaster Management Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 direct enforcement of following measures which will be in force till 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021;

#### (i) Corona Night Curfew:

Corona night curfew will be imposed in Agartala Municipal Corporation area and all other Urban Local Bodies between 6 PM to 5 AM up to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 w.e.f. 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The exemption will include the following:

- a. Medical and other emergency needs and persons to maintain essential services like health, police, security, power supply, drinking water supply, fire & emergency service, jail, social welfare homes, media etc.
- b. Movement of goods including Petroleum products & loading and unloading of cargo.
- c. Movement of persons for operation of industrial units in multiple shifts & continuous operation,
- d. Travel of persons to their destinations after disembarking from buses, trains and aeroplanes.
- e. Marriage in marriage halls/own homes upto 10 pm with maximum 50 guests.

DMs of the District will issue detailed order under section 144 CrPC with specific conditions for compliance. Wide publicity will be done of the order and strict enforcement measures will be taken.

# (ii) Office related (w.e.f. 04.05.2021):

- (a) Office timings will be from 10 AM to 4 PM until further orders in government offices across the state.
- (b) 50% of the non-gazetted employees will be allowed to work from home as per roster prepared by the head of office. This exemption will not be applicable to Departments/organizations providing essential services e.g. Police, Urban Local Bodies, District Administration, Drinking water supply, Electricity supply, Fire & Emergency Service, Jail, Social welfare homes etc. Secretary of the Department will decide the essential nature of service in case of doubt.
- (c) The employees working from home will be available on call by Head of Department. They can be called for duty in case of need at any time by the Head of office.

### (iii) Restriction of gatherings:

1. Organization of all types of super spreading events like social / political / sports/ entertainment / academic / cultural / fair/ festival related congregations should be restricted. The organizer will take prior permission from the District Administration for the programmes with such condition as deemed fit.

2. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the seating / hall capacity should be allowed for any social, cultural, entertainment, academic or political gathering with a ceiling of 50 persons. In open spaces, higher numbers may be allowed based on the size of the ground / space with a ceiling of 100 persons. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory. The organisers will deploy sufficient no. of volunteers / staffs to regulate the crowd and enforcement of norms of social distancing and wearing of mask.

3. In homes, the limit for gathering for social, cultural & other purposes will be 25.

4. Maximum 50 persons may be allowed in marriage both in public' or private place.

5. Maximum 20 persons should be allowed in funeral / last rites related gathering.

6. Movie halls / Multiplexes, Shopping complex/Malls, Gymnasium, Swimming pool, Restaurant, Beauty parlours, Barber shops and similar places where service is rendered in a closed space will function at 50% capacity. The owners/managers will be responsible to ensure the compliance of the ceiling as well as wearing of mask, maintaining social distancing etc.

7. Sport events can be held only without spectators/onlookers.

8. Persons above the age of 65 years, 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. Others are advised to curtail unnecessary movement and avoid crowded places.

# (iv) Containment:

- The District Administration in coordination with Chief Medical Officer will take decision on declaration of containment zone/micro containment zone as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide GO No.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated, 25<sup>th</sup> April,2021.
- Adequate containment steps may be taken to break chain of transmission within and outside the zone. Measures suggested by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide GO No.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 may be initiated as per requirement.
- 3. Random & targeted testing may be done in places of gathering like market, bus/motor stand, industrial installation, offices etc in Agartala Municipal Council area.

The order of Union Home Secretary vide order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 on National Directives, enforcement of containment and other measures suggested by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide GO No.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated, 25<sup>th</sup> April,2021 for Testing and Surveillance, clinical management, vaccination and community engagement may be followed strictly.

All the District Magistrate & Collectors shall strictly enforce the above measures. Any persons violating these measures will liable to be proceeded against as per provisions of Section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal section Under Section 188 of I.P.C and other legal provisions as applicable. The government has also imposed measures under the Epidemic Disease Act 1987, main provisions of which are indicated in **Annexure- A**.

(Manoj Kumar) Chief Secretary & Chairman, State Executive Committee

### To

- 1. All Principal Secretary / Secretary / Special Secretary, Govt. of Tripura.
- 2. Secretary, Tripura Legislative Assembly.
- 3. Director General of Police, Tripura.
- 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Tripura.
- 5. All D.M & Collectors, Tripura.
- 6. All Superintendents of Police, Tripura.
- 7. All Heads of Department, Government of Tripura.

# Copy for information to:

- 1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Tripura, Raj Bhavan, Agartala.
- 2. Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura.
- 3. PS to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.
- 4. PS to the All Hon'ble Ministers.

(Manoj Kumar) Chief Secretary

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# Actions under "The Epidemic Disease COVID 19 regulations, 2020"

The State Government, in exercise of the powers conferred Under Section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act 1987, framed "The Epidemic Disease COVID 19 regulations, 2020" to contain the spread of pandemic COVID-19 in the population. According to these regulations, following major restrictions have been imposed by the State Government:-

- Compulsory wearing mask including homemade washable cloth mask / face cover by any cloth in public / work place or while travelling / driving.
- 2. Social distancing to be ensured in public and private transport.
- 3. Restricting shops to operate only after ensuring appropriate social distancing measures and avoiding over-crowding through volunteers to regulate shoppers. The shops having frontage less than one meter shall allow only one person at a time, having frontage 1(one) or more but less than 2(two) meters, two persons shall be allowed at a time and so on. Rest may stand behind with a distance of one meter in queue. The shopkeeper and shoppers shall compulsorily wear mask / face covers. Compulsory daily sanitization of area.

Penalty for the violations of the regulations is as follows:-

- Fine of Rs.200/- in the first violation and Rs. 400/- for subsequent violation in regard to not wearing of mask / face cover.
- Fine of Rs.1000/- for not ensuring social distancing in public and private transport, for not ensuring social distancing among the consumers in front of the shops by shopkeepers and for violating home quarantine norms.

Moreover, any person / institution / organisation violating the regulations shall be deemed to have committed offence punishable under Section 188 of IPC (45 of 1860).

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(Manoj Kumar) Chief Secretary, Government of Tribura.