OFFICE OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA (HP)

No. 540 /RDB Dated Dharamshala, the March 15, 2020

ORDER

In pursuance of the Notification No. HFW-A-A(3)-1/2020 dated March 12, 2020 issued by the Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh related to advisory against mass gatherings in view of spread of COVID-19, I, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, IAS, District Magistrate, Kangra, do hereby order that all fairs, festivals, melas, tournaments, processions, rallies or other such events which result in congregation or gathering of large number of people shall be postponed till the situation relating to spread of COVID-19 improves. In case where such events are linked to some particular time of religious event, adequate advisory shall be issued to the general public not to gather or plan their visit to such events unless there are compelling reasons to do so. In case the gathering is unavoidable at such events, proper and prominent display of IEC material relating to COVID-19 and arrangements for hand washing/ sanitization shall be made and all due precautions prescribed by the Government from time to time shall be taken by the organizers. This order shall come into effect immediately and remain in force until further orders. ISSUED under my hand and seal on March 15, 2020.

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(Rakesh Kumar Prajapati) IAS **Distr. Magistrate** Jistr. Magistrate Kangra at Dharamshala (H.P.) Kangra at Dharamshala

Endst. No. 541 - 80 /RDB Dated, Dharamshala the March 15, 2020. Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- 1. Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 3. Divisional Commissioner Kangra.
- 4. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kangra.
- 5. Additional District Magistrate, District Kangra.
- 6. Chief Medical Officer, District Kangra.
- 7. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Dharamshala, District Kangra.
- 8. District Ayurveda Officer, District Kangra.
- 9. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Kangra.
- 10. All Executive Magistrate, District Kangra.

- 11. All Temple Officers, District Kangra.
- 12. RTO Kangra.
- 13. Divisional Manager HRTC, District Kangra.
  - 14. DTDO Kangra.
  - 15. DPRO Kangra for wide publicity.
  - 16. Deputy Director, Higher Education/ Elementary Education, District Kangra.
  - 17. District Employment Officer, Kangra.
  - 18. DPO (ICDS), Kangra.
  - 19. DIO Kangra with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration.

District Magistrate
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Dharamshala
Kangra at Dharamshala
(H.P.)

EDNST NO. EDN-KGR(E-8)-MISC-2019-20 \ \(\sigma\) \ \(\sigma\) \ \(\sigma\) Dated \\(\sigma\) March 2020 \(\sigma\) Education Kangra at Dharmashala

Forwarded in original to all the Principals/Headmasters/Block Elementary Education Officers/ All Private Managed Schools District Kangra for information & further necessary action .

Deputy Director of Elementary Kangra at Dharamshala OFFICE OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA (HP)

No:

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/RDB Dated Dharamshala, the 15 March, 2020.

## ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1973

WHEREAS the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a highly contagious disease declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has spread throughout the country in the last few weeks in a rapid manner endangering the life of all citizens;

WHEREAS it is an established medical fact that the COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus (with or without symptoms) and therefore the most effective measure for prevention of the spread of this deadly disease is curtailment of social/ community contacts and quarantine of persons suspected of carrying the Coronavirus;

WHEREAS the Government of Himachal Pradesh has notified the Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 wherein it has been mandated to keep asymptomatic persons under home/institutional quarantine and surveillance and to segregate and isolate symptomatic persons for testing and treatment as per Standard Operating Protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India;

WHEREAS the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter no. HFW-A-A(3)1/2020 dated 14.03.2020 has directed all District Magistrates to take necessary measures for prevention of spread of the COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS I am satisfied that there is a real and imminent threat of possible outbreak of dangerous COVID-19 epidemic in District Kangra due to recent reporting of such cases in bordering/ neighbouring States and heavy inflow of tourists/ travellers in the District and that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC) in the present case for averting the danger to human life, health and safety caused by the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS it is case of emergency and the circumstances are such that serving in due time of notice upon all persons residing in the jurisdiction of District Kangra is not practicable or possible and therefore it is necessary and expedient to proceed ex-parte under Section 144 of CrPC;

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THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, District Magistrate, Kangra at Dharamshala, direct that:

- (i) if there are sufficient reasons, cause or information to suspect or believe that any person(s), could be infected with COVID-19 or may have come in contact with a person suspected or believed to have been infected with COVID-19, then such person(s) shall be bound to immediately cooperate, disclose all requisite information, render all possible assistance to the notified Surveillance Personnel and comply with all their directions (whether written or oral) for surveillance, inspection, inquiry, physical examination, quarantine, isolation and treatment of such person(s) and all other person(s) who may have come in contact with him/ her AND that any person(s) refusing to take measures for prevention or treatment i.e. home/ institutional quarantine/ isolation, or refusing to cooperate with, or render assistance to, or disclose requisite information or comply with directions of the Surveillance Personnel shall be prosecuted under Section 270 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 in addition to prosecution for breach of an order passed under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973; &
- (ii) all owners/ person-in-charge/ occupier of any **Premises** shall immediately report to the nearest health facility or telephonically to 104 (Health Department Call Center) or 1077 (District Emergency Operation Center) regarding any person residing in the Premises and believed or suspected to have COVID-19 or having travel history to COVID-19 affected countries or if any person residing in the Premises has been in contact with any person believed or suspected to have COVID-19 or having travel history to COVID-19 affected countries, and shall be bound to immediately cooperate, allow unrestricted access, disclose all requisite information and render all possible assistance to the notified Surveillance Personnel and comply with all their directions (whether written or oral) relating to surveillance, inspection, inquiry, physical examination, quarantine, isolation and treatment of such suspected person(s) and temporary closure, sealing, evacuation, fumigation, sanitization etc. of the Premises **AND** that any person(s) refusing to cooperate with, or render assistance to,

or disclose requisite information or comply with directions of the Surveillance Personnel relating to the suspected person(s) or the Premises shall be prosecuted under Section 270 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 in addition to prosecution for breach of an order passed under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973. It is clarified that the term "Premises" in this order shall have the meaning ascribed to it under Regulation 2(c) of the COVID-19 Regulations and shall include all Government, semi-Government, quasi-Government or private facilities in District Kangra like hostel, hotel, inn, rest/guest house, inspection hut, dharamshala, home stay, BnB, temporary tents, and private dwelling/ house.

IT is further directed that the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Additional District Magistrate, Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner, District Revenue Officer, all Sub-Divisional Magistrates in District Kangra, all Executive Magistrates in District Kangra, Medical Superintendent, Dr RPGMC Tanda, Chief Medical Officer, District Surveillance Officer, Project Officer DRDA, District Panchayat Officer, District Ayurveda Officer, all the Block Development Officer of District Kangra, all the Block Medical Officer of District Kangra are hereby authorized to pass appropriate orders and take necessary coercive action against any person (s) as deemed necessary and expedient for enforcing this Order. In case of any minor, the coercive orders shall be directed to the parent/ guardian or adult member of family of the minor;

THIS order shall come into effect immediately for the entire area of District Kangra and shall remain valid until April 15, 2020;

ISSUED under my hand and seal on March 15, 2020.

(Rakesh Kumar Prajapati) IAS

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Endst. No. 582 - 632 /RDB Dated, Dharamshala the 15 March, 2020. Copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh.

- 2. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 3. Divisional Commissioner Kangra.
- 4. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kangra.
- 5. Chief Medical Officer, District Kangra.
- 6. District Ayurveda Officer, District Kangra.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA (HP)

No. 659-60 /RDB Dated Dharamshala, the 15 March., 2020

To

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1. The Divisional Manager HRTC, District Kangra.

2. The Regional Transport Officer, District Kangra.

Subject:

Advisory regarding buses/taxis/ other vehicles in view of spread of COVID-

Sir,

As you are aware, COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization and it is rapidly spreading in bordering/neighboring States of Himachal Pradesh. COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus (with or without symptoms) and by contact with unsanitized surfaces/objects where the virus may be deposited by a carrier. Consequently, you are directed to immediately ensure the taking of following steps/precautions by the owners/drivers/conductors of Government and private buses, school buses, taxis and other stage/contact carriage vehicles operating under your jurisdiction:

1. The buses/taxi/ vehicles and the surfaces/objects (like seats, doors, windows, seat covers, seat handles etc.) inside them are properly sanitized/cleaned with effective disinfectants/ solutions before carrying passengers each time on a route.

2. Buses/taxi/ vehicles should carry alcohol based hand sanitizers for use by the

driver/conductor.

3. Drivers and conductors of buses/taxi/vehicles should be sensitized about the precautions/measures for prevention of COVID-19 and they should in turn sensitize the

passengers during every run.

4. If the driver/conductor of the buses/ taxi/vehicles suspect any passenger to be having symptoms of COVID-19 then immediate information of the same should be given by them to 104 (Call Center) or 1077 (DEOC) or to District Surveillance Officer (Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sood-9418064077; 01892-222485).

Strict compliance of these precautionary measures may be ensured by all Government and private bus/taxi/vehicle operators in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in District Kangra.

Yours faithfully,

(Rakesh Kumar Prajapati) IAS

District Magistrate

District Kangra at Dharamshala