
No. PS/CS/19/2020
Dated: 22.03.2020

All Deputy Commissioners.

Sub: Shutdown of all establishments and services except essential commodities/services in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

In view of the need to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and break the transmission chain of the virus, it is necessary to enforce social distancing, i.e., prevent/minimize close contact between people. Therefore, Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates shall issue orders under Section 144 Cr. P.C. and also under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (both Acts) to shutdown all establishments except those providing essential commodities/services in their districts from Sunday, 22nd March, 2020 (08.00 PM) till Tuesday the 31st March, 2020 (08:00 PM).

2. The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has already issued a list of essential commodities/services vide Order No.60-FCS&CA of 2020 dated 22.03.2020.

3. All goods vehicles including those carrying essential items shall be allowed to ply during the shutdown period with proper permits/passes issued by the District Administration who will make necessary arrangements for this purpose. District Administration will also make appropriate arrangements for persons engaged in providing essential services to travel without hindrance to their place of work.

4. Deputy Commissioners shall also restrict all assemblies at public places to not more than 3 persons.

5. Deputy Commissioners shall ensure strict implementation of these instructions with immediate effect. Divisional Commissioners will monitor compliance.

(B.V.R. Subrahmanyanam)
Chief Secretary, J&K

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