Government of West Bengal
NABANNA, Howrah

Memo NO 177-CS/2020/ ORDER

Dated 18/05/2020

 Whereas, in terms of Order NO 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 17/05/2020 of Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs, the lock down measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 stands extended up to 31/05/2020;

 Whereas, certain guidelines have been issued under such aforesaid order in respect of implementation of lockdown measures;

 Whereas, zoning into Red, Orange and Green zones shall be carried out by Health and Family Welfare Department in consultation with Home Department taking into consideration the prescribed parameters. This will be a dynamic exercise. Ward in urban areas and Gram Panchayat in rural areas will be the basic unit for zoning. Polling Station (Booth) in each ward and gram panchayat will be the unit for containment planning. Each Red and Orange Zone will be classified into three categories as follows:

Category A: Affected Area (containment zone)
Category B: Buffer Area
Category C: Clean Area

Now therefore, in pursuance to aforesaid order and guidelines thereof, following directives and clarifications in respect of restrictions and relaxations are hereby issued which shall come into effect from 21/05/2020:

1) The following activities shall remain closed/prohibited throughout the state:

   i  All schools, colleges, technical institutions, ICDS centres to remain closed till the second week of June 2020.
   ii  Metro rail services
   iii  All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls, and spas.
   iv  All social, cultural, religious and political gatherings.
2) General Advisory:

i  Wearing of mask is compulsory.

ii  Strict social distancing of 2 metres for all.

iii  All public places, streets, housing complexes, residential areas and work places to be cleaned and sanitized at regular intervals.

iv  Person above 65 years, persons with co- morbidities, pregnant women, and children below 10 years, should stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

v  Spitting in public places prohibited.

vi  Restriction in movement of people and non-essential items between 7PM to 7AM. However, there shall be no restriction in movement of essential commodities including agricultural produce.

vii  Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco etc in public places is not allowed.

viii  No separate permission/ license/pass required for starting permissible activities or for movement of people/workers related to permissible activities.

ix  Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer should be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.

x  Maximum guests allowed for marriage shall not exceed 15 (fifteen).

xi  Maximum number of people allowed for funeral/ last rites shall not be more than 15 (fifteen).

3) Restrictions / interventions in the Affected Area (Category-A)

i  No socio- economic activities permitted.

ii  Complete access control. Cordonning of the entire unit with complete restriction on ingress and egress. Measures like appropriate barricade, CCTV surveillance, drone/mobile app based tracking and monitoring of restrictions imposed etc.

iii  Regular sanitisation/cleaning by respective local bodies.

iv  Dedicated suitably equipped task force for conducting outreach fever mapping and enforcement of restrictions imposed. Intensive testing and contact tracing.

v  Organizing home delivery of essential commodities, medicines and health services.

vi  Appropriately equipped with protective cover e.g. PPEs, masks front line workers.
4) Relaxations in Buffer Area (Category-B)

   i) All activities as permitted in Clean Area (Category –C) with 25% strength only.

5) Relaxations in Clean Area (Category-C)

   Following activities are permitted:

   i. Industries (micro, small, medium & heavy) including tea industry, Jute Mills and Brick Kilns with alternating 50% workers each day.
   ii. Activities under MNREGS and other identified government programmes with full strength with strict protocol.
   iii. E-commerce and Courier services of both essential and non essential products.
   iv. Regular health services with full strength.
   v. Markets. Shop owners to ensure not more than 5 persons at one time and distance of at least 6 feet between customers. Shop Keepers to use Masks, gloves and Sanitiser.
   vi. Salons and parlors with proper maintenance of hygiene protocol including disinfection and sterilization of instruments used
   vii. Hotels with strict health and hygiene protocol in allowed circumstances.
   viii. Household maintenance services like plumbing, electrician, carpenter, and domestic help with consent of Resident Welfare Association as applicable.
   ix. Building construction activities with alternating 50% strength of workers.
   x. Agriculture & agriculture marketing, floriculture, apiculture and horticulture and associated activities.
   xi. Restaurants for home delivery only.
   xii. Government infrastructure development activities- PWD, Irrigation, PHE etc,
   xiii. Movement of essential & nonessential goods and construction materials.
   xiv. Intra-state bus and taxi / cab services with not more than 20 passengers or 50% of seating capacity whichever is higher in each bus and not more than 2 passengers in each taxi/ cab.
   xv. Outdoor film and television shooting activities and allied activities.
   xvi. Petrol / Diesel pumps, auto repairing shops and garages.
xvii. Inter-state movement of passenger vehicles and buses with mutual consent of states– Online entry and exit pass system has been introduced which will continue to facilitate inter-state movement of people.

xviii. Movement of cargo/goods trucks carrying both essential and non-essential commodities.

xix. Central and State Government offices with reduced manpower. Work from home to be encouraged.

xx. Private offices including those located in market complexes/shopping malls with 50% strength. Work from home to be encouraged.

xxi. Sports Complexes and stadia without spectators.

xxii. Sports and Games activities in Clubs following social distancing norms.

6) Institutional Arrangements:

i. District Magistrates and Commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation shall be responsible for delineation of containment categories viz Affected Area, Buffer Area and Clean Area in their respective jurisdictions in consultation with local police and health authorities.

ii. Block Development Officers, Sub divisional Officers, Municipal Commissioners shall be responsible for all enforcement measures in Blocks, Municipal Towns and Corporations respectively.

iii. District Magistrates/Commissioner KMC shall appoint Incidence Commanders / Officer-in-Charge for each or a group of containment zones. Each Incidence Commander shall form a multidisciplinary team involving representatives of H&FW Department, local police, private health practitioners of the area, public representatives and influential people of the area. The team shall ensure intensive lockdown, surveillance, contact tracing and testing in Containment Zones. The team shall also ensure home delivery of essential commodities in the Affected Area.

iv. Close surveillance shall continue outside the containment zones, to ensure that any instance of contagion is attended immediately and spread is prevented by way of contact tracing and quarantine.

Any deviation from the restrictions and relaxations or of compulsorily wearing of mask, sanitization and maintaining social distancing shall immediately result in withdrawal of relaxation granted or activities permitted.

Any violation of this order shall attract penal action under the provisions of Disaster Management Act 2005.

Chief Secretary