

Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2020 – COVID 19
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Revenue Department – Disaster Management Cell

Shimla – 171002

Dated: 01 October 2020

ORDER


Whereas, an Order of even number dated 31.8.2020 was issued for extension of lock down in Containment Zones to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in the State for a period up to 30.9.2020 with guidelines for re-opening of activities in a calibrated manner in areas outside the Containment Zones under Unlock 4;

Whereas, on the directions of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Chairperson National Executive Committee (NEC) has issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30.9.2020 to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones up to 31.10.2020, as per the guidelines placed at **Annexure -A**;

And whereas, after a careful review of the current situation wherein COVID-19 epidemic is still a public health risk, and caution is required for the containment thereof;

Now, therefore after considering the prevalent status of the COVID-19 pandemic and the overall circumstances, which necessitates continuation of certain restrictions, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (e) of the DM Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby orders to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown up to 31.10.2020 in Containment Zones in accordance with the directions contained in Order of NEC dated 30.9.2020 and directs all the Departments and Organisations of the Government, District Magistrates, Police Officers/Officials and Local Authorities of the State to ensure strict compliance with the directions of the NEC *ibid*. The extension of the Lockdown period in Containment Zones with immediate effect and up to 31.10.2020 and new guidelines on re-opening of more activities as per **Annexure – A** will be implemented, with the following directions:-

1. No Restriction on Inter-State and Intra-State Movement:

 There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit/registration will be required for such movements. However, inter-State movement of public transport buses, as already

ordered, shall be operated only as per the SOPs to be issued by the Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh after ensuring full readiness to comply with the SOPs.

2. Instructions regarding Functions:

Instructions regarding permitting social/academic/sports/entertainment/cultural / religious/political gatherings beyond the limit of 100 persons shall be issued separately at a later date. Till then the restriction of 100 persons in such gatherings shall continue.

3. SOPs for Airports, Railway Station and Movement of International Returnees:

The SOPs for railway stations and airports and passengers coming from abroad will be as placed at **Annexure – B**.

4. Quarantine Requirements:

Quarantine requirements will be as prescribed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare from time to time.

5. Directives for COVID-19 Management:

In addition to the National Directives on COVID-19 Management as contained in **Annexure I** of MHA order, the following directives shall be strictly adhered to and enforced by all concerned authorities:

- (i) All the Heads of Offices/Institutions (Health, etc.), especially those with large public dealings, shall take steps to reduce overcrowding in their establishments, maintain social distancing, and reduce public footprints in offices. Use of online platforms and token/permits system will be encouraged to provide services and reduce queues in offices/institutions. Preference will be given to hold review meetings through web based systems.
- (ii) The Head of Office shall ensure implementation of SOPs (dated 4th June, 2020 and as may be modified from time to time) issued by the Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in offices and as reiterated by DMC, Department of Revenue vide letter of even number dated 8.6.2020.
- (iii) District Administration shall keep a close watch on crowding in urban settings and take proactive measures to implement social distancing and face cover/wearing of masks.

- (iv) All the office bearers of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) shall ensure implementation of directives with respect to number of persons allowed to participate in marriage functions and funerals and restrictions imposed on social/political/sports/entertainment /academic/ cultural/religious functions and other large congregations in their respective jurisdictions. Violations of directives in this regard shall be brought to the notice of the District Administration forthwith.
- (v) All the project proponents, industrialists, contractors, orchardists, agriculturists, etc. will ensure that their workers maintain social distancing and take preventive measure to reduce spread COVID-19 in work place and residential settings.
- (vi) People without face cover/mask will not be allowed to board public transport such as buses and taxis and provided any services/goods in public offices or private establishments/shops.
- (vii) All non-essential travels, physical interactions and visits to public places/establishments shall be discouraged.

6. Community Awareness:

Responsible behavior on the part of all people through adoption of the prescribed safety precautions and self-regulation are critical to the containment measures being adopted for combating COVID-19. Negligence or non-adoption of prescribed safety measures can be harmful not only to the person concerned or his family and his colleague but also to the society as a whole. Therefore, there is continuous need to keep the awareness campaign alive and ensuring institutionalization of social distancing measure taken so far which have helped in containing the spread of COVID-19 in the State. In order to ensure this, the following measures may be taken:-

- a) Schools, colleges and other educational institution which are conducting online learning classes shall, in their teaching, necessarily shall incorporate the advice to students on key personal safety measures such as wearing face mask/covering faces in public places, practicing frequent hand washing, maintaining social distance of 6 feet, etc. The students may further be encouraged to disseminate these personal and social habits within their family as well as others.
- b) The NGOs, CBOs and other voluntary organisations may also be encouraged to take up this matter with all earnest for disseminating this message.
- c) The District Administration should also involve IAG Network and DRR volunteers and those who have volunteered their services to fight COVID-19 in educating the public at vantage places and in ensuring social distancing as well as wearing face marks/cover.

7. Penal Provisions:

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extract of these penal provisions is at **Annexure II** of MHA order.

This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the State with immediate effect and till 31.10.2020 or further orders, whichever is earlier.


Chief Secretary cum Chairperson, SEC
Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director I & PR for wider dissemination.

Copy for information to:

1. All the Members of SDMA.
2. All the members of the State Executive Committee.
3. Principal PS cum Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister-cum-Chairperson, SDMA.


Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 30th September, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 29.08.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 30.09.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an order to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 31.10.2020;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines for Re-opening, as **annexed**, will be in force upto 31.10.2020.


Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories
(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority

Guidelines for Re-opening

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A)
dated 30th September, 2020]


1. Activities permitted outside the Containment Zones

In areas outside the Containment Zones, all activities will be permitted, except the following:

- (i) State/ UT Governments may take a decision in respect of re-opening of schools and coaching institutions, after 15th October 2020, in a graded manner. The decision shall be taken in consultation with the respective school/ institution management, based on their assessment of the situation, and subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and shall be encouraged.
 - b. Where schools are conducting online classes, and some students prefer to attend online classes rather than physically attend school, they may be permitted to do so.
 - c. Students may attend schools/ institutions only with the written consent of parents.
 - d. Attendance must not be enforced, and must depend entirely on parental consent.
 - e. States /UTs will prepare their own standard operating procedure (SOP) regarding health and safety precautions for reopening of schools/ institutions based on the SOP to be issued by Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, Government of India, keeping local requirements in view.
 - f. Schools, which are allowed to open, will have to mandatorily follow the SOP to be issued by Education Departments of States/ UTs prepared as above.
- (ii) Department of Higher Education (DHE), Ministry of Education may take a decision on the timing of the opening of Colleges/ Higher Education Institutions, in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), based on the assessment of the situation. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and shall be encouraged.

However, Higher Education Institutions only for research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students in science and technology stream requiring laboratory/ experimental works will be permitted to open from 15th October, 2020, as under:

- a. For Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions, the Head of Institution will satisfy herself/ himself that there is a genuine


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requirement of research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students in science and technology stream for laboratory/experimental works.

- b. For all other Higher Education Institutions e.g. State Universities, Private Universities etc., they may open only for research scholars (Ph.D) and postgraduate students in science and technology stream requiring laboratory/experimental works as per decision to be taken by the respective State/UT Governments.
- (iii) Swimming pools being used for training of sportspersons will be permitted to open with effect from 15th October, 2020, for which the SOP will be issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYA&S).
- (iv) Cinemas/ theatres/ multiplexes will be permitted to open with upto 50% of their seating capacity, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, with effect from 15th October 2020, for which, SOP will be issued by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- (v) Entertainment parks and similar places will be permitted to open with effect from 15th October, 2020, for which the SOP will be issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- (vi) Business to Business (B2B) Exhibitions will be permitted to open, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, with effect from 15th October 2020, for which, SOP will be issued by the Department of Commerce.
- (vii) Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other congregations have already been permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones only. Such gatherings beyond the limit of 100 persons may be permitted, outside Containment Zones, by State/ UT Governments only after 15th October 2020, and subject to the following conditions:
 - a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
 - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ space in view, and with strict observance of social distancing, mandatory wearing of face masks, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer.State/ UT Governments will issue detailed SOPs, to regulate such gatherings and strictly enforce the same.
- (viii) International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.

2. National Directives for COVID-19 Management

National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in **Annexure I**, shall continue to be followed throughout the country.



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3. Lockdown limited to Containment Zones

- (i) Lockdown shall remain in force in the Containment Zones till 31st October, 2020.
- (ii) Containment Zones shall be demarcated by the District authorities at micro level after taking into consideration the guidelines of MoHFW with the objective of effectively breaking the chain of transmission. Strict containment measures will be enforced in these containment zones and only essential activities will be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be effectively implemented for the above purpose.
- (iii) These Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors and by the States/ UTs and information will be shared with MOHFW.

4. State/ UT Governments shall not impose any local lockdown (State/ District/ sub-division/City level), outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central Government.

5. No restriction on Inter-State and intra-State movement

There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

6. Movement of persons with SOPs

Movement by passenger trains; domestic passenger air travel; movement of persons on Vande Bharat and Air Transport Bubble flights; and sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers will continue to be regulated as per SOPs issued.

7. Protection of vulnerable persons

Persons above 65 years of age, 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.

8. Use of *Aarogya Setu*

- (i) *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- (ii) With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that *Aarogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.

(iii) District authorities may advise individuals to install the *Aarogya Setu application* on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

9. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

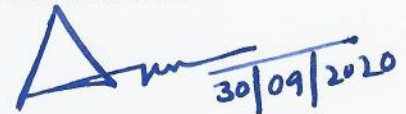
(i) State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.

(ii) For the enforcement of social distancing, State/ UT Governments may, as far as possible, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.

(iii) All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

10. Penal provisions

Any person violating these 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 Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure II**.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by the date 30/09/2020 written in blue ink.

**Union Home Secretary
and, Chairman, National Executive Committee**

NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.

Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.

3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

Additional directives for Work Places

4. **Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
5. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
6. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and of hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
7. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
8. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.


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Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures

A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause —

- (a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
- (b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.—Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.

55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly

unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.

57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

- (a) “company” means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
- (b) “director”, in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

59. Previous sanction for prosecution.—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.

60. Cognizance of offences.—No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by—

- (a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or
- (b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.

B. Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or trends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.



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SOPs FOR AIRPORTS AND RAILWAY STATIONS

a) At the Airports/Railway Stations:

- i. All passengers must wear face cover / mask and maintain social distancing.
- ii. Only passengers with confirmed tickets will be allowed to enter the airports/railway platforms to avoid unnecessary crowding. No Attendants shall be allowed inside the airports/railway stations.
- iii. All passengers will undergo health screening before entry into the airports/platforms. Arrangement for thermal screening and checking of Ill/flu like symptoms to be done at the airports/railway stations by the District Administration concerned.
- iv. All passengers will reach well before the departure time enabling proper screening and maintaining of social distancing.

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- v. Only asymptomatic passengers can board aircrafts/trains. Passengers found to be symptomatic or high-risk during screening shall be taken to a health facility for testing. If tested positive, they would be treated as per health protocol.
- vi. *Aarogya Setu* App to be installed mandatorily by all individuals with Android and iOS phones before boarding the Aircrafts/Trains/entering the Airports/State/Railway Stations.
- vii. Maintaining of full protocol of social distancing and other guidelines issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation/Railway, Home Affairs & Ministry of Health & Family Welfare while boarding & de-boarding will be ensured.

b) At the De-boarding Stage:

- i. Passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be segregated and taken to a health facility for testing. If tested positive, they would be treated as per health protocol.

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SOPs FOR MOVEMENT OF INDIAN (HP) NATIONALS STRANDED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

a) **Appointment of Nodal Officers and Collection of Information**

- i. Many Indian Nationals (residents of Himachal Pradesh) who had travelled to different countries before the lockdown, for various purposes such as studies/internships, tourism, business, etc., are stranded abroad. Due to their prolonged stay abroad, they are facing distress and are desirous of returning to India (Himachal Pradesh) urgently.
- ii. Apart from the above cases, there are other Indian Nationals (residents of HP) who need to visit India (HP) in medical emergencies or death of a family member or for other reasons.
- iii. In order to receive them in airports/ports and facilitate their movement to HP, the following Officers will be responsible for coordination of the entire process:
 - a. Resident Commissioner, Himachal Bhavan, New Delhi as State Nodal Officer (**Contact: 011 23716574 & Email: rescm-hp@nic.in; Fax: 011 23715087**) – Overall In-charge
 - b. Deputy Resident Commissioner, Himachal Bhawan, New Delhi as Nodal Officer (**Contact: 011 23711964; email: rc_hpnd@yahoo.com**). He will also coordinate with officers responsible for receiving international arrivals at Chandigarh, Amritsar and other locations.
 - c. The Assistance Commissioner Parwanoo shall be responsible for receiving and facilitating the movement of HP residents landing at Chandigarh Airport, as and when there is flight to the Chandigarh airport.
 - d. The Deputy Commissioner, Kangra will depute suitable officer and other supporting staff, on need basis, to receive arrivals at Amritsar airport.
- iv. The contact details of the Chief Coordinator for Himachal Pradesh appointed by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India is as under:

Sh. Robert Shetkintong, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (**Contact: 011 23012987 & Email: jscoord@mea.gov.in**)
- v. The Nodal Officer appointed by the State Government will ensure the collection of the **data of all stranded individuals recorded by Indian Missions abroad and who are desirous to return to Himachal Pradesh** in close coordination with the Nodal Officer for Himachal Pradesh in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government India.
- vi. The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) and State Government have also been receiving calls for evacuation from Himachali residents stuck up abroad and will share their information with the Nodal Officer HP cum Deputy Resident Commissioner for further follow up with MEA and others.

- vii. The list of passengers will be shared by MEA with the Office of the Resident Commissioner, HP, New Delhi, before their arrival. On intimation of the arrival of flights carrying stranded passengers from aboard, the Deputy Resident Commissioner shall coordinate to send Team of Officials from RC Office New Delhi to Delhi Airport, and mobilise other officials to other airports/ports to receive them as per the SOP issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

b) Facilitation of Movement

- i. The State Nodal Officer will create database of the asymptomatic individuals who are allowed by the MEA to travel back to the State after landing in New Delhi or other airports/ports.
- ii. The Nodal Officers will ensure to set up a HP Help Desk at the incoming airports/ports. A reception at the respective airports will be setup by the officers concerned. These arrangements will be coordinated at other airports/ports by the Deputy Resident Commissioner cum Nodal Officer.
- iii. The Nodal Officer will ensure maintaining of full protocol of social distancing and other guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Health & Family Welfare while receiving persons belonging to HP.
- iv. The Deputy Resident Commissioner cum Nodal Officer should contact MEA, MoCA & Air India/other airlines to obtain manifest of passengers from HP.
- v. The boarding pass of the passenger will serve as permit to move to and reach designated place in HP.
- vi. The Deputy Resident Commissioner cum Nodal Officer will share the list or persons arriving in airports/ports with the Deputy Commissioners of the concerned districts enabling the latter to make arrangements for receiving and quarantine them.
- vii. The Nodal Officer and officer deployed at the other locations will facilitate transportation arrangements for travellers on payment basis, if needed.

c) Safety Measures (Social Distancing & Hygiene and Disinfection) During Journey Period

- i. Bus/taxi shall be thoroughly sanitized before allowing the persons to board.
- ii. Social distancing norms in seating may be followed as applicable.
- iii. Driver and passenger to wear masks during the journey.
- iv. *Aarogya Setu* App to be installed by all individuals with Android and iOS phones before boarding the bus/vehicle/entering the State.

d) Reception – Health Screening and Medical Check Ups

- i. On arrival at the International Airports/ports, medical examination of all incoming passengers will be ensured before allowing them to move to HP.
- ii. Health Department of HP will provide staff and instruments for screening of all arrivals in all locations.

- iii. Only asymptomatic passengers will be allowed to proceed to the State. All symptomatic passengers may be got tested locally for COVID19 and necessary action as per standard protocol taken depending upon the outcome of test.
 - iv. The remaining passengers shall be dispatched to their respective destinations by taxis/buses/private vehicles where these passengers shall be institutionally quarantined for 7 days or as may be notified from time to time.
- e) Institutional Quarantine on Arrival at the Destination: By the District Administration**
- i. Passengers coming with RT PCR COVID19 negative report and exempted from institutional quarantine and will be directly sent to home quarantine as provided in guidelines for international arrivals by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, dated 2.8.2020.
 - ii. The districts will make necessary arrangement for receiving the incoming international stranded persons and housing them in suitable quarantine facilities.
 - iii. The Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) may identify HP Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) Hotels and other Hotels for institutional quarantine of returnees to the State.
 - iv. These facilities shall be arranged to the returnees on payment basis.
 - v. The MD-HPTDC/ owner of the Hotel shall ensure that these identified Hotels maintain proper hygiene, cleanliness, sanitization and public order as required for quarantine centres.
 - vi. The Health Department, HP shall depute doctors and paramedical staff to carry out regular health check-up of passengers being quarantined at the identified HPTDC/other Hotels for 7 days or as may be notified from time to time.
 - vii. The quarantine canters to have provision of food, drinking water, washrooms, medical screening, security, etc.
 - viii. MD-HPTDC shall issue SOPs for operations and management in respect of the Hotels to be used for quarantine purposes. The SOPs of HPTDC will also be followed by other hotels.
 - ix. It may be ensured that all inmates of these centres observe social distancing, personal hygiene and wear face covers/masks.
 - x. Any violators or unruly guest behaviour must be reported to the officers of the law. HPTDC/Hotel Owners shall ensure that public areas such as restaurants, bars, lobby, conference/meeting halls, swimming pools, gymnasium etc. are not used by persons kept in quarantine.
 - xi. All the guests, staff or any other persons entering the Tourism Unit/other hotels must be screened for COVID-19 by a thermal scanner and proper record be maintained

thereof.

- xii. The movement of all inmates, outside their rooms, shall be monitored through the CCTV cameras installed in the hotels.
- xiii. The management of the HPTDC/other Hotels will extend all the assistance to the District Administration, Medical Authorities and the Police in furtherance of these SOPs.
- xiv. Use of lifts may be avoided and if situation warrants its use, then not more than 2 persons be allowed after following social distancing.
- xv. If the passengers are found COVID negative after 7 days, they will be allowed to go home for home quarantine and will undertake self-monitoring of their health for 7 more days as per MHA protocol.
- xvi. He/she will sign an undertaking to ensure self-monitoring of his/her health for 7 more days as per protocol.
- xvii. The persons will be shifted to the medical facility maintained by the State Government at the earliest, if found positive for COVID-19 at any stage.

f) Post Discharge from the Institutional Quarantine


- i. All persons after leaving institutional quarantine facility are essentially required to provide their arrival information to the local ULBs/PRI, as may be applicable in accordance with the order of the State Executive Committee (SEC) issued vide letter No. Rev(DMC)(F)4-2/2000/SEC dated 29th April, 2020. However, the period of home quarantine will be 7 days instead of 14 days.
- ii. The concerned ULB & PRI will monitor the person with the help of the local ASHA/Health worker regularly for at least next 7 days.
- iii. If the person is found to be symptomatic of ILI or COVID 19, the concerned ASHA/Health Worker will immediately report the matter to the Health Authorities.
- iv. Health Authorities will immediately take the sample of the individual for COVID 19 and take further necessary action as per the outcome of the test report.

g) General Instructions

- i. The Nodal Officers are authorised to associate officers/officials of their office to perform the task assigned to them.
- ii. The Nodal Officers are fully empowered to make all arrangements for the movement of the incoming international stranded persons including making arrangement for transportation, logistics, coordinate with districts, etc. issuing NOCs, authorisations, if any and taking all the required measures for smooth movement of the stranded persons to the State of HP.
- iii. The Nodal Officers will keep posted the State Nodal Officer who in turn will keep the Principal Secretary (Revenue) informed of the action being taken and share database of

persons arriving in different airports/ports on regular basis.

- iv. At District and Sub-divisional level, the concerned DC and ADM/ADC/SDMs will coordinate with the Nodal Officers for movement of international stranded persons returning to Himachal Pradesh.


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