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

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Dated: 18, No

18, November 2020

ORDER

Whereas there has been a recent spike in the number of COVID-19 cases after reopening of more activities and particularly during the gathering of large number of people in different locations due to social/ academic /sports /entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political and other congregations, etc.

Therefore, in continuation of State Executive Committee's Orders No. Rev (DMC)(C)20-2/2020-COVID-19 dated 30th October 2020, and in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (e) of the DM Act 2005, the undersigned in capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby orders the following amendments in the Orders & SOPs on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 during social/ academic/ sports/entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political and other congregations and directs all the Departments & Organisations of the Government, District Magistrates, Police Officers/Officials and Local Authorities of the State to ensure strict implementation of the directions:

Amendments

In social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political and other congregations, limit of number of persons will be as under: -

- i. In closed spaces, in areas outside the Containment Zones, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 100 persons. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory in all such venues.
- ii. In gatherings where community kitchen or Dhaams, or professional catering are to be arranged, the managers and catering staff as far as possible, will be required to undergo tests through Rapid Antigen test kits for COVID-19 with the help of local health officials not earlier than 96 hours before the event. They will also ensure adherence to highest level of personal and environmental hygiene all the time, especially at the time of preparing, serving /eating meals and disposal of the waste etc.

The directions as per the Standard Operating Procedures on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 during social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political and other congregations issued by the SEC dated 16.10.2020 (Annexure A) and reiterated by Order dated 30.10.2020 may be adhered to strictly taking into the considerations of above amendments.

The respective District Administration will take adequate measures to implement these orders with the support of all the PRIs and ULBs in letter and spirit. While granting permissions to the organizers, the local administration may impose additional conditions, as may deem fit, to contain the spread of COVID-19.

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

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- ii. The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- iii. All the members of the State Executive Committee.
- iv. Principal PS cum Special Secretary to Hon'ble CM-cum-Chairperson, SDMA.

Director-cum-Special Secretary (Revenue-DM) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh