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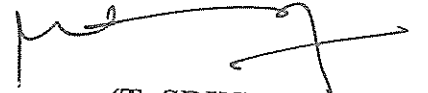
CIRCULAR

Sub: Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and caution for COVID-19 in the country.

Ref: MHA's Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dt. 25.11.2020 circulated vide Railway Board's Circular No. 2020/G(Acc.)/Maint/Misc./COVID-19 Dt. 27.11.2020.

A copy of Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 28.12.2020 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the above mentioned subject is enclosed herewith for information and strict compliance.

No.2020/G(Acc.)/Maint/Misc./COVID-19
New Delhi, dated 30.12.2020



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2. Vice Chairman, RLDA, New Delhi.

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

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 28th December, 2020

ORDER

In exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution issued *vide* Ministry of Home Affairs' Order of even number dated 25.11.2020, will remain in force upto 31.01.2021.


28/12/20
Union Home Secretary
and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To

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2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories (As per list attached)

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ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 30.09.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 31.10.2020, which was further extended for a period upto 30.11.2020 vide an Order of even number dated 27.10.2020;

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 with guidelines for containment of COVID-19 in the country;

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 surveillance, containment and caution, as **annexed**, will be in force upto 31.12.2020.


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4. SOPs for regulating travel in aircrafts, trains and metro rails are already in place, which shall be strictly enforced. States and UTs shall issue necessary guidelines for regulating travel in other modes of public transport, e.g., buses, boats etc., and ensure that these are strictly complied with.
5. The National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure I, shall be strictly followed throughout the country.

Surveillance and Containment

6. Effective demarcation of Containment Zones, in vulnerable and high incidence areas, is key to breaking the chain of transmission and controlling the spread of the virus. Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities, at the micro level, taking into consideration the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in this regard. The list of Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors and by the States/ UTs. This list will also be shared with MoHFW.
7. Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW, shall be scrupulously followed, as under:
 - i. Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
 - iv. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.
 - v. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80% of contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
 - vi. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
 - vii. Clinical interventions, as prescribed, shall be administered.
 - viii. Surveillance for ILI/ SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
 - ix. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
8. **It shall be the responsibility of local district, police and municipal authorities to ensure that the prescribed Containment measures are**


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Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

Protection of vulnerable persons

16. 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.

Use of *Aarogya Setu*

17. *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
18. 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.
19. Organizations and Business entities with 50 or more employees are encouraged to avail the *Aarogya Setu* OpenAPI Service (<https://openapi.aarogyasetu.gov.in>). OpenAPI feature will facilitate Organisations and employees to return to work in a COVID 19 risk free environment.
20. 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.

Strict enforcement of the guidelines

21. State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.
22. 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.
23. All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

Penal provisions

24. 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 III**.


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Annexure II

LIST OF SOPS PRESCRIBED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

S No	Name of Activity	SOP issue date	Weblink
1	Sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports and their movement	21.04.20	https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrder_21042020_0.pdf
2	Movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad	Revised on 22.08.20	https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA_SOP_dtd_22_08_2020_on_international_travel_under_Vande_Bharat_and_Bubble_flights.pdf
3	Movement of persons by train	19.05.20	https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA%20Order%20Dt.%2019.5.2020%20reg.%20revised%20SoPs%20on%20movement%20of%20stranded%20workers%20by%20trains.pdf
4	Domestic air travel of passengers	25.05.20	https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/Order_dated_25th_May_2020_on_recommencement_of_domestic_air_services.pdf
5	Religious places/ places of worship	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/2SoPstobefollowedinReligiousPlaces.pdf
6	Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/3SoPstobefollowedinRestaurants.pdf
7	Shopping Malls	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/4SoPstobefollowedinShoppingMalls.pdf
8	Offices	04.06.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/1SoPstobefollowedinOffices.pdf#_blank
9	Training Institutions of the Central and State Governments	05.07.20	https://dopt.gov.in/sites/default/files/Scan101.pdf
10	Yoga Institutes and gymnasiums	03.08.20	https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesonyogainstitutesandgymnasiums03082020.pdf

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

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 tends 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.
