

**OFFICE OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA (HP)**

No: 728-90/RDB

Date: 21.03.2020

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1973

WHEREAS the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a highly contagious disease declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has spread throughout the country in the last few weeks in a rapid manner endangering the life of all citizens;

WHEREAS it is an established medical fact that the COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus (with or without symptoms) and therefore the most effective measure for prevention of the spread of this deadly disease is curtailment of social/ community contacts and quarantine of persons suspected of carrying the Coronavirus;

WHEREAS the Government of Himachal Pradesh has notified the **Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020** to contain the spread of COVID-19 wherein it has been mandated to keep asymptomatic persons under home/ institutional quarantine and surveillance and to segregate and isolate symptomatic persons for testing and treatment as per Standard Operating Protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India;

WHEREAS the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter no. HFW-A-A(3)1/2020 dated 14.03.2020 has directed all District Magistrates to take necessary measures for prevention of spread of the COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS the Government of India has declared COVID-19 as a notified disaster vide letter no. 33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14.03.2020;

WHEREAS I am satisfied that there is a real and imminent threat of possible outbreak of dangerous COVID-19 epidemic in District Kangra due to recent reporting of such cases in bordering/ neighbouring States and recent heavy inflow & presence of international tourists/ travellers from COVID-19 affected countries in the District and that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC) in the present case for immediate prevention of danger to human life, health and safety caused by the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS it is case of emergency and the circumstances are such that serving in due time of notice upon all persons residing in the jurisdiction of District Kangra is not practicable or possible and therefore it is necessary and expedient to proceed ex-parte under Section 144 of CrPC;

THEREFORE, in order to immediately prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in the community, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, District Magistrate, Kangra at Dharamshala, do hereby order and direct that:

- (i) No person will form an assembly, gathering or congregation of more than four persons at any public place or inside any vehicle in entire district Kangra; and
- (ii) No person will participate, organise or attempt to organise any function, demonstration, meeting, procession, rally, picketing, workshop, community or religious events within the limits of District Kangra; and
- (iii) No person shall operate a barber shop, saloon or beauty parlour within the limits of District Kangra;

THIS order shall not apply to provision of emergency health services at hospitals & clinics and movement of Magistrates, police teams, health department teams, ambulances and essential ration items;


THIS order shall also not apply to movement of HRTC buses subject to the condition that maximum of 25% seating capacity in the bus shall be utilized during each run at all times from point of departure to point of destination in order to maintain prescribed social distance for prevention of transmission of COVID-19;

This order will be published by proclamation in usual manner and by affixing a copy on the notice boards of District Magistrate Kangra, SDM offices and Police Stations;

Any person contravening this order shall be liable for prosecution under Sections 269, 270 and 188, I.P.C.;

THIS order shall come into effect immediately for the entire area of District Kangra and shall remain valid until lapse of period of two months from the date of its notification unless rescinded earlier;

ISSUED under my hand and seal on March 21, 2020.


(Rakesh Kumar Prajapati) IAS
District Magistrate
Kangra at Dharamshala (H.P.)

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to Government of Himachal Pradesh
3. Divisional Commissioner Kangra
4. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kangra
5. Chief Medical Officer, District Kangra
6. District Ayurveda Officer, District Kangra
7. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Kangra
8. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Dharamshala
9. DTDO Kangra
10. DPRO Kangra for wide publicity
11. Deputy Director, Higher Education/ Elementary Education, District Kangra
12. Additional District Magistrate, Kangra
13. Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner, Kangra
14. District Revenue Officer, Kangra
15. All Executive Magistrates in District Kangra
16. Medical Superintendent, Dr RPGMC Tanda, District Kangra
17. District Surveillance Officer, Kangra
18. Project Officer DRDA, Kangra
19. District Panchayat Officer, Kangra
20. DIO Kangra with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration


District Magistrate
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