



No. 11/14/2020-Th-II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Power  
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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,  
New Delhi dated the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

To

1. All the State/UT Secretaries of Power,
2. All District Magistrates of all States,
3. All Police Commissioners/ Superintendent of Police of all States,
4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

**Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak - reg.**

In continuation to this Ministry's letter number No. 11/14/2020-Th-II dated 15.04.2020 (copy enclosed) whereby all the stakeholders were requested to extend their support for uninterrupted operations of 'interstate power generating stations' and restriction free movement of critical materials like coal, chemicals, gases etc. and intermediate or finished products to or from power plants, during the extended lockdown period i.e. upto 03.05.2020 for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities as has been done earlier.

2. In the above context, the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 15.04.2020 containing the consolidated revised guidelines for containment of COVID-19 in the country, is enclosed for necessary action please.

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi)  
Director (Thermal)

Copy to:-

1. CMD, NTPC Ltd.
2. Chairman, DVC
3. All IPPs and UMPPs
4. Chief Secretary (All States) with a request for similar action in respect of the State Generating Companies/Independent Power Producers (IPP) which supply power within their respective States.
5. Copy to NIC with a request to host on the website of Ministry of Power for information of all the concerned.



No. 11/14/2020-Th-II  
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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,  
New Delhi dated the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

To

1. All the State/UT Secretaries of Power,
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3. All Police Commissioners/ Superintendent of Police of all States,
4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

**Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nationwide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak - reg.**

• In continuation to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 25.03.2020 & 28.03.2020 (copy enclosed) whereby all the stakeholders were requested to extend their support for uninterrupted operations of 'interstate power generating stations' and restriction free movement of critical materials like coal, chemicals, gases etc. and intermediate or finished products to or from power plants.

2. Now, with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 14.04.2020 (copy enclosed) regarding extension of lock-down in all parts of the Country upto 03.05.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country, I am directed to request the stakeholders to continue their support during the extended lockdown period i.e. upto 03.05.2020 for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities as has been done earlier.

  
15/04/2020

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi)  
Director (Thermal)

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**No. 11/13/2020 Th.II**  
**Ministry of Power**  
**Government of India**

Shram Shakti Bhawan  
New Delhi-110001  
Dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

To,

1. All the State/UT Secretaries of Power,
2. All District Magistrates of all States,
3. All Police Commissioners/ Superintendent of Police of all States,
4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

**Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak - reg.**

In continuation to this Ministry's even number letter dated 25.03.2020 (copy enclosed) and with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 24.03.2020 regarding lock-down in all parts of the Country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country.

2. For generation of power, supply chain of coal needs to be maintained continuously. In addition to coal there are other critical inputs like Chemicals including Acids, Caustic Soda, Gases etc., LDO / HFO and other consumable items. Many of these inputs are required during the lockdown period as the existing stocks will not last till lifting of the declared lock down period.

3. In view of above, it is requested that no restrictions may be imposed on production & movement of critical materials like coal, chemicals, gases etc. and intermediate or finished products to or from such power plants.

4. The List of major Critical items including Chemicals & consumables for Power Plants which require inter-state / intra-state movement are mentioned as below. This list is not exhaustive and the items shall be certified by the respective power station authorities.

- a. LDO / HFO
- b. Bulk Chemicals - Hydrochloric Acid, Sulphuric & Caustic Soda etc.
- c. Gases - Hydrogen / Nitrogen / CO2 / Chlorine / Oxygen
- d. Water Treatment Chemicals like Ferric chloride, Corrosion inhibitors, Zinc Sulphate, Scale inhibitors, Phosphonate, Co-polymer, Terpolymer, Sodium Hypochlorite, Sodium chlorite, Bio-dispersants etc.
- e. Chemicals for Sanitizers like Iso-propyl alcohol, Hydrogen per-oxide, Glycerol etc.
- f. Any other items not covered above but being invoiced / transported to Power Plants for Operation and Maintenance.

5. The State Governments may also issue the similar instructions/ permission / facilitations in respect of State Generating Stations (State Gencos) and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.



28.03.2020

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi)  
**Director (Thermal)**

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No. 11/13/2020 Th.II  
Ministry of Power  
Government of India

Shram Shakti Bhawan  
New Delhi-110001  
Dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

To,

1. All the State/UT Secretaries of Power
2. All District Magistrates of all States,
3. All Police Commissioners/ Superintendent of Police of all States,
4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

**Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak.**

Reference is invited to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 24.03.2020 (copy enclosed) regarding lock-down in all parts of the Country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country. As per the Guidelines enclosed with the above Order, all offices of Government of India, its Autonomous and Sub-ordinate offices and Public Corporation shall remain closed except certain essential services including power generation and transmission units.

2. Power Generation is an essential service for securing smooth and uninterrupted power flow across and within states. In the current scenario of COVID-19 outbreak and nationwide lockdown announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, there will be need to ensure uninterrupted power generation.

3. The power generations utilities under Ministry of Power, Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and Independent Power Plants (IPPs), hereafter

referred to as "interstate power generating stations", supply inter-state electricity to the grid. Hence, their operations are critical for maintaining power supply across the country.

4. In order to provide uninterrupted operations of "interstate power generating stations", the following support is requested from your office.

- a. Permission for "interstate power generating stations" staff, associated workforce and vehicles to move around and movement of material and field engineers at sites, substations, ash pond, raw water intake points etc. with minimum manpower.
- b. Allowing minimum staff, required to work for the power plant and offices for ensuring uninterrupted power generation.
- c. Waiver from section 144, Nationwide Lockdown, Curfew, or any other limitation on number of people to gather in locations like ash pond, raw water intake, Power Generating Stations and other related locations where it may be required for operation and maintenance activities of generation and associated equipment.
- d. Availability of DG Sets, Electrical Equipment, Maintenance equipment, Tractors/Trucks and other required Tools and Plants for maintenance activities. Diesel carrying vehicle for pouring diesel in DG sets.
- e. Allow round the clock permission to mobilize field staff to be able to reach and access electrical installations of "interstate power generating stations".

5. Considering the importance of continuity of power supply, it is requested that above mentioned permissions may be granted to "interstate power generating stations" officers and staff and their vendors all over India for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities.

6. It is also requested to issue the necessary permission / passes as required for movement of employees and associated workforce on production of official ID Cards / authorization letter from "interstate power generating stations" officials.



7. The State Governments may also issue the similar instructions/ permission /passes/ facilitations in respect of State Generating Stations (State Gencos) and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.



25.03.2020

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi)  
**Director (Thermal)**

Copy to following with instructions to ensure the necessary preventive measures/ equipment/ amenities for safeguard from infection of Corona Virus to their employees and workforce deployed for operation and maintenance works.

1. CMD NTPC
2. Chairman DVC
3. All IPPs and UMPPs
3. Chief Secretary (All States) with a request for similar action in respect of the State Generating Companies/Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.
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**No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**

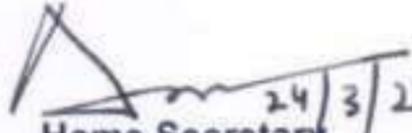
North Block, New Delhi-110001  
Dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**ORDER**

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), is satisfied that the country is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation, and has considered it necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread across the country and that there is a need for consistency in the application and implementation of various measures across the country while ensuring maintenance of essential services and supplies, including health infrastructure;

Whereas in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), has issued an Order no. 1-29/2020-PP (Pt.II) dated 24.03.2020 (Copy enclosed) directing the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

Whereas under directions of the aforesaid Order of NDMA, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues guidelines, as per the Annexure, to Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities with the directions for their strict implementation. This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.

  
Home Secretary 24/3/2020

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.

**Annexure to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No .40-3/2020-D dated ( )24.03.2020**

**Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic in the Country.**

1. Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations shall remain closed.

*Exceptions:*

Defence, central armed police forces, treasury, public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), disaster management, power generation and transmission units, post offices, National Informatics Centre, Early Warning Agencies

2. Offices of the State/ Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.

*Exceptions:*

- a. Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, and prisons.
- b. District administration and Treasury
- c. Electricity, water, sanitation
- d. Municipal bodies—Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply etc

*The above offices (Sl. No 1 & 2) should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only.*

3. Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted.

4. Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down.

*Exceptions:*

- a. Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. However, district authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs.
- c. Print and electronic media
- d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.
- e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-commerce.

- f. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- h. Capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India
- i. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- j. Private security services

All other establishments may work-from-home only.

5. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Manufacturing units of essential commodities.
- b. Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the State Government

6. All transport services – air, rail, roadways – will remain suspended.

Exceptions:

- a. Transportation for essential goods only.
- b. Fire, law and order and emergency services.

7. Hospitality Services to remain suspended

Exceptions:

- a. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
- b. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.

8. All educational, training, research, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.

9. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.

10. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions / gatherings shall be barred.

11. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted.

12. All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020, and all such persons who have been directed by health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.

13. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organisations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19

virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Health Department from time to time.

14. In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
15. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.
16. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilisation of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
17. Any person violating these containment 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 Sec. 188 of the IPC (as per Appendix).
18. The above containment measures will remain in force, in all parts of the country, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.

  
24/3/2020  
Union Home Secretary

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

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

**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 any body 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.

## **2. Section 188 in The Indian Penal Code**

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.

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

North Block, New Delhi-110001  
Dated 14th April, 2020

**ORDER**

Whereas under directions of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)'s Order dated 24.03.2020, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, issued directions vide Order of even number dated 24.03.2020 to all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/ Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities, with the guidelines to implement lockdown measures, to contain the spread of COVID-19, in all parts of the country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020;

Whereas, the guidelines to implement lockdown measures were further modified on 25.03.2020, 27.03.2020, 02.04.2020, 03.04.2020 and 10.04.2020 and consolidated guidelines are placed on the website of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA);

Whereas, NDMA after assessing the situation on COVID-19 epidemic is satisfied that strict social distancing measures need to be implemented for a further period so as to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

Whereas in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, NDMA has issued an Order number 1-137/2018-Mit-II (FTS-10548) dated 14.04.2020 (copy enclosed) directing the Chairperson, National Executive Committee that existing lockdown measures be continued to be implemented in all parts of the Country, upto 03.05.2020.

Whereas under directions of the aforesaid Order of NDMA, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues directions to all the all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities that the Lockdown measures stipulated in aforesaid Consolidated Guidelines of MHA for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country, will continue to remain in force upto 03.05.2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

  
14/04/2020  
Union Home Secretary

**To:**

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

**Copy to:**

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**Government of India**  
**National Disaster Management Authority**



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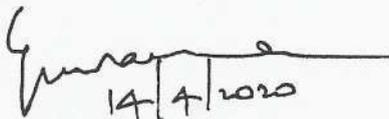
Dated, the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

14<sup>th</sup>

**ORDER**

On 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, the National Disaster Management Authority directed the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State Governments and State Authorities to take measures for ensuring social distancing so as to prevent the spread of COVID 19 in the country. These measures are in force for a period of 21 days w.e.f. from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Detailed guidelines and addenda were issued by National Executive Committee from time to time under section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005.

2. Considering the fact that strict social distancing measures need to be implemented for a further period to contain the spread of COVID 19, the National Authority, in exercise of powers under Section 6 (2) (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, directs the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State Governments and State Authorities to continue the same measures for social distancing upto 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020. In this regard the guidelines/orders issued by NEC shall continue to be applicable throughout the country. The Authority further directs NEC to issue modifications in the guidelines as necessary, keeping in view the need to contain the spread of COVID 19.

  
14/4/2020

**Member Secretary, NDMA**

To

**Union Home Secretary,**  
**North Block, New Delhi 110011**

**No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
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**Consolidated Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic in the Country, as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 and further modified on 25.03.2020, 27.03.2020, 02.04.2020, 03.04.2020 and 10.04.2020.**

1. Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations shall remain closed.

*Exceptions:*

- a. Defence, central armed police forces.
- b. Treasury (including, Pay & Accounts Offices, Financial Advisers and field offices of the Controller General of Accounts, **with bare minimum staff**),
- c. Public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), power generation and transmission units, post offices.
- d. Disaster management and Early Warning Agencies
- e. National Informatics Centre.
- f. Customs clearance at ports/airports/land border, GSTN; and MCA 21 Registry **with bare minimum staff**.
- g. Reserve Bank of India and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCI, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers **with bare minimum staff**.

2. Offices of the State/ Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.

*Exceptions:*

- a. Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, and prisons.
- b. District administration and Treasury (including field offices of the Accountant General **with bare minimum staff**)
- c. Electricity, water, sanitation.
- d. Municipal bodies- Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply etc.
- e. Resident Commissioner of States, in New Delhi **with bare minimum staff**, for coordinating Covid-19 related activities and internal kitchens operations.

- f. Forest offices :Staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, firefighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.
- g. Social Welfare Department, **with bare minimum staff**, for operations of Homes for children/ disables/ senior citizens/ destitute/ women /widows; Observation homes; pensions.
- h. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
- i. 'Mandis' operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee or as notified by the State Government.

*The above offices (Sl. No 1 & 2) should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only.*

3. Hospitals, Veterinary Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist, Pharmacies (including Jan Aushadhi Kendra) and medical equipment shops, laboratories, Pharmaceutical research labs, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted.

4. Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down.

*Exceptions:*

- a. Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder, fertilizers, seeds and pesticides. However, district authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs including IT vendors for banking operations; Banking Correspondent and ATM operation and cash management agencies.
- c. Print and electronic media.
- d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.
- e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-commerce.
- f. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- h. Capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- i. Cold storage and warehousing services.

- j. Private security services.
- k. Data and call centers **for Government activities only**.
- l. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in the field.
- m. 'Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)' related to farm machinery.
- n. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
- o. Shops for truck repairs on highways, preferably at fuel pumps.
- p. Operations of the fishing (**marine**)/aquaculture industry, including feeding & maintenance; hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria, movement of fish/shrimp and fish products, fish seed/feed and workers for all these activities.

All other establishments may work-from-home only.

5. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw materials & intermediates.
- b. Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the State Government.
- c. Coal and mineral production, transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations.
- d. Manufacturing units of packaging material for food items, drugs, pharmaceutical and medical devices.
- e. Manufacturing and packaging units of Fertilizers, Pesticides and Seeds.
- f. Tea industry, including plantation with maximum of 50% workers.

6. All transport services – air, rail, roadways – will remain suspended.

Exceptions:

- a. Transportation for essential goods only.
- b. Fire, law and order and emergency services.
- c. Operations of Railways, Airports and Seaports for cargo movement, relief and evacuation and their related operational organisations.
- d. Inter-state movement of goods/ cargo for inland and exports.
- e. Cross land border movement of essential goods including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies.
- f. Intra and inter-state movement of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/horticulture implements.
- g. Transit arrangements for foreign national(s) in India. **(as per attached SOP)**

7. Hospitality Services to remain suspended

Exceptions:

- a. Hotels, home stays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
  - b. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
8. All educational, training, research, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
  9. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.
  10. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions / gatherings shall be barred.
  11. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted.
  12. All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020, and all such persons who have been directed by health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.

*Exceptions:*

- a. Release of quarantined persons, who have arrived in India after 15.2.2020, after expiry of their quarantine period and being tested Covid-19 negative (**as per attached SOP**).
13. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organisations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19 virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Health Department from time to time.
  14. In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
  15. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.

16. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.

17. Any person violating these containment 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 Sec. 188 of the IPC.

**Note: As specified in the lockdown measures, social distancing and proper hygiene practices must be ensured in each of the above activities. It will be the responsibility of the head of the organisation/establishment to ensure compliance of such norms. The district authorities will ensure strict enforcement.**

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## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS STRANDED IN INDIA**

### **Sub-Clause (g) in exception to clause 6**

It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that a number of foreign nationals are stranded in different parts of the country, due to the lockdown measures. Some foreign countries have approached Government of India for evacuation of their nationals to their countries.

2. In view of the above, it has now been decided that requests received from foreign governments, for evacuation of their nationals from India, would be examined by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India on case to case basis. In cases where such requests are endorsed by MEA, the following protocol would be observed:

- i) The chartered flight would be arranged by the concerned foreign government in consultation with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- ii) Prior to departure, the foreign national(s) would be screened for COVID-19 symptoms as per the standard health protocol. Only those foreign national(s) would be allowed to leave, who are asymptomatic for COVID-19. In case of symptomatic person(s), the future course of treatment would be followed, as per the standard health protocol.
- iii) The local transportation arrangements from the place of stay of the foreign national(s) to the point of embarkation would be arranged by the local Embassy/Consulate of the respective foreign government.
- iv) The transit pass for movement of the vehicle deployed for movement of the foreign national(s) would be issued by the Government of the State/Union Territory where the foreign national(s) is/are staying.
- v) The transit pass, as issued above, would be honoured/ allowed by the authorities of the State/Union Territories along the transit route.

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**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE OF QUARANTINED PERSONS, AFTER EXPIRY OF QUARANTINE PERIOD AND TESTED COVID-19 NEGATIVE**

**Sub-Clause (A) in exception to clause 12**

With a view to preventing spread of COVID-19 and as a measure of abundant precaution, persons returning from foreign locations after 15.2.2020 had been quarantined in government/government-arranged facilities. In respect of these persons, the following protocol would be observed after completion of the specified mandatory quarantine period:

- i) Person(s) testing negative for COVID-19, and as per standard health protocol, would be released from the said quarantine facility(ies). However, this will not apply to a group, where even one person tests positive for COVID-19.
- ii) These persons are expected to return to their homes, or to the homes of their families/relatives/friends or to other places of shelter like hotels, etc., by making their own transport arrangements.
- iii) The transit pass for movement of vehicle(s), being used by such person(s), would be issued by the Government of the State/Union Territory where they have been quarantined.
- iv) The transit pass will be issued for fixed route and with specified validity and such person(s) shall follow the same.
- v) The transit pass, as issued above, would be honoured/ allowed by the authorities of the State/Union Territories along the transit route.
- vi) As a measure of abundant caution, upon returning to their destination such persons would home quarantine themselves for a further period of 14 days as per standard protocol on the matter.
- vii) Details of person(s) released from quarantine, along with their destination, will be shared with the concerned State/UT Government for necessary follow up.

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## OFFENCES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LOCKDOWN MEASURE

### 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 any body 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**

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.

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धारा 51. बाधा डालने, आदि के लिए दंड -	<p>जो कोई, व्यक्तिपुक्त कारण के बिना,-</p> <p>(क) केंद्रीय सरकार या राज्य सरकार के किसी सरकारी अधिकारी या कर्मचारी अथवा राष्ट्रीय प्राधिकरण या राज्य प्राधिकरण अथवा जिला प्राधिकरण द्वारा प्राधिकृत किसी व्यक्ति के लिए इस अधिनियम के अधीन उसके कृत्यों के निर्वहन में बाधा डालेगा;या</p> <p>(ख) इस अधिनियम के अधीन केंद्रीय सरकार या राज्य सरकार या राष्ट्रीय कार्यकारिणी समिति या जिला प्राधिकरण द्वारा या उसकी ओर से दिये गए निदेश का पालन करने से इंकार करेगा</p> <p>तो वह दोषसिद्धि पर कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि एक वर्ष तक की हो सकेगी या जुर्माने से, अथवा दोनों से, दंडनीय होगा और यदि ऐसी बाधा या निदेशों का पालन करने से इंकार करने के परिणामस्वरूप जीवन की हानि होती है या उनके लिए आसन्न खतरा पैदा होता है, तो दोषसिद्धि पर कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि दो वर्ष तक की हो सकेगी, दंडनीय होगा।</p>
धारा 53. धन या सामग्री आदि के दुरुपयोजन के लिए दंड	<p>जो कोई, जिसे किसी आपदा की आशंका की स्थिति या आपदा में राहत पहुंचाने के लिए आशयित कोई धन या सामग्री सौंपी गयी है या अन्यथा कोई धन या माल उसकी अभिरक्षा या आधिपत्य में है और वह ऐसे धन या सामग्री या उसके किसी भाग का दुरुपयोजन करेगा या अपने स्वयं के उपयोग के लिए उपयोजन करेगा अथवा उसका व्ययन करेगा या जानबूझकर किसी अन्य व्यक्ति को ऐसा करने के विवश करेगा, तो वह दोषसिद्धि पर कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि दो वर्ष तक की हो सकेगी और जुर्माने से भी दंडनीय होगा।</p>
धारा 54. मिथ्या चेतावनी के लिए दंड	<p>जो कोई, जिसे किसी आपदा या उसकी गंभीरता या उसके परिणाम के संबंध में आतंकित करने वाली मिथ्या संकट सूचना या चेतावनी देता है, तो वह दोषसिद्धि पर कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि एक वर्ष तक की हो सकेगी या जुर्माने से दंडनीय होगा।</p>
धारा 55. सरकार के विभागों द्वारा अपराध	<p>(1) जहां इस अधिनियम के अधीन कोई अपराध सरकार के किसी विभाग द्वारा किया गया है वहाँ विभागाध्यक्ष ऐसे अपराध का दोषी समझा जाएगा और तदनुसार अपने विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की जाने और दंडित किए जाने का भागी होगा, जबतक कि वह यह साबित नहीं करा देता कि अपराध उसकी जानकारी के बिना किया गया था या</p>

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	<p>उसने ऐसे अपराध के किए जाने का निवारण करने के लिए सब सम्यक तत्परता बरती थी ।</p> <p>(2) उपधारा (1) में किसी बात के होते हुए भी, जहां इस अधिनियम के अधीन कोई अपराध सरकार के किसी विभाग द्वारा किया गया है और यह साबित हो जाता है कि वह अपराध बिभागाध्यक्ष से भिन्न किसी अन्य अधिकारी कि सहमति या मौनानुकूलता से किया गया है या उस अपराध का किया जाना उसकी किसी उपेक्षा का कारण माना जा सकता है वहाँ ऐसा अधिकारी उस अपराध का दोषी माना जाएगा और तदनुसार अपने विरुद्ध कार्यवाही किए जाने और दंडित किए जाने का भागी होगा ।</p>
<p>धारा 56- अधिकारी की कर्तव्य पालन में असफलता या उसकी ओर से इस अधिनियम के उपबंधों के उल्लंघन के प्रति मौनानुकूलता</p>	<p>ऐसा कोई अधिकारी, जिस पर इस अधिनियम द्वारा या उसके अधीन कोई कर्तव्य अधिरोपीत किया गया है और जो अपने पद के कर्तव्यों का पालन नहीं करेगा या करने से इंकार करेगा या स्वयं को उससे विमुख कर लेगा तो, जब तक कि उसने अपने से वरिष्ठ अधिकारी की अभिव्यक्त लिखित अनुमति अभिप्राप्त न कर ली हो या उसके पास ऐसा करने के लिये कोई अन्य विधिपूर्ण कारण न हो, ऐसे कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि एक वर्ष तक की हो सकेगी, या जुर्माने से, दंडनीय होगा।</p>
<p>धारा 57-अध्यपेक्षा के संबंध में किसी आदेश के उल्लंघन के लिये शास्ति</p>	<p>यदि कोई व्यक्ति धारा 65 के अधीन किए गए किसी आदेश का उल्लंघन करेगा तो वह ऐसे कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि एक वर्ष तक हो सकेगी, या जुर्माने से, अथवा दोनों से, दंडनीय होगा।</p>
<p>धारा 58 - कंपनियों द्वारा अपराध</p>	<p>(1)जहाँ इस अधिनियम के अधीन कोई अपराध, किसी कम्पनी या निगमित निकाय द्वारा किया गया है, वहाँ ऐसा प्रत्येक व्यक्ति, जो अपराध के जाने के समय उस कम्पनी के कारोबार के संचालन के लिये उस कम्पनी का भारसाधक और उसके प्रति उत्तरदायी, और साथ ही वह कम्पनी भी ऐसे उल्लंघन के दोषी समझे जायेंगे और तदनुसार अपने विरुद्ध कार्यवाही किये जाने और दंडित किये जाने के भागी होंगे। परंतु इस उपधारा कि कोई बात किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति को इस अधिनियम में उपबंधित कसी दंड का भागी नहीं बनाएगा यदि वह यह साबित करा देता है कि अपराध उसकी जानकारी के बिना किया गया था या उसने ऐसे अपराध के किए जाने का निवारण करने के लिए सब सम्यक तत्परता बरती थी ।</p> <p>(2) उपधारा (1) में किसी बात के होते हुए भी, जहां इस अधिनियम के</p>

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	<p>अधीन कोई अपराध किसी कंपनी द्वारा किया गया है और यह साबित हो जाता है कि वह अपराध कंपनी के किसी निदेशक, प्रबन्धक, सचिव या अन्य अधिकारी की सहमति या मौनानुकूलता से किया गया है या उस अपराध का किया जाना उसकी किसी उपेक्षा का कारण माना जा सकता है, वहाँ ऐसा निदेशक, प्रबन्धक, सचिव या अन्य अधिकारी भी उस अपराध का दोषी माना जाएगा और तदनुसार अपने विरुद्ध कार्यवाही किए जाने और दंडित किए जाने का भागी होगा।</p> <p>स्पष्टीकरण - इस धारा के प्रयोजन के लिए -  (क) "कंपनी" से कोई निगमित निकाय अभिप्रेत है और इसके अंतर्गत फर्म या व्यष्टियों का अन्य संगम भी है; और  (ख) फर्म के संबंध में "निदेशक" से उस फर्म का भागीदार अभिप्रेत है।</p>
धारा 59. अभियोजन के लिए पूर्व मंजूरी	धारा 55 और धारा 56 के अधीन दंडनीय अपराधों के लिए कोई अभियोजन, यथास्थिति, केंद्रीय सरकार या राज्य सरकार या ऐसी सरकार द्वारा साधारण या विशेष आदेश द्वारा इस निमित्त प्राधिकृत किसी अधिकारी की पूर्व मंजूरी के बिना संस्थित नहीं किया जाएगा।
धारा 60. अपराधों का संज्ञान	<p>कोई भी न्यायालय इस अधिनियम के अधीन किसी अपराध का संज्ञान निम्नलिखित द्वारा परिवाद किए जाने पर करने के सिवाय नहीं करेगा, -</p> <p>(क) राष्ट्रीय प्राधिकरण, राज्य प्राधिकरण, केंद्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकार, जिला प्राधिकरण या, यथास्थिति उस प्राधिकरण या सरकार द्वारा इस निमित्त प्राधिकृत कोई अन्य प्राधिकारी या अधिकारी या</p> <p>(ख) ऐसा कोई व्यक्ति जिसने अभिकथित अपराध की ओर राष्ट्रीय प्राधिकरण, राज्य प्राधिकरण, केंद्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकार, जिला प्राधिकरण या पूर्वोक्तानुसार प्राधिकृत किसी प्राधिकारी या अधिकारी को परिवाद करने के अपने आशय की विहित रीति में कम से कम तीस दिन की सूचना दे दी है।</p>

#### ख. भारतीय दंड संहिता में संबंधित प्रावधान

संबंधित धारा	विवरण
धारा 188. लोक सेवक द्वारा समयक रूप से प्रख्यापित आदेश की अवज्ञा	जो कोई यह जानते हुए कि वह ऐसे लोक सेवक द्वारा प्रख्यापित किसी आदेश से, जो ऐसे आदेश को प्रख्यापित करने के लिए विधिपूर्वक सशक्त है, कोई कार्य करने से विरत रहने के लिए या अपने कब्जे में की, या अपने प्रबंधाधीन, किसी संपत्ति के बारे में कोई विशेष व्यवस्था करने के लिए निर्दिष्ट किया गया है, ऐसे निदेश की अवज्ञा करेगा;

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	<p>यदि ऐसे अवज्ञा विधिपूर्वक नियोजित किन्हीं व्यक्तियों को बाधा, क्षोभ या क्षति, अथवा बाधा, क्षोभ या क्षति की जोखिम कारित करे, या कारित करने की प्रवृत्ति रखती हो, तो वह सादा कारावास से, जिसकी अवधि एक मास तक की हो सकेगी, या जुर्माने से, जो दो सौ रूपये तक का हो सकेगा, या दोनों से, दंडित किया जाएगा।</p> <p>और यदि ऐसी अवज्ञा मानव जीवन, स्वास्थ्य या क्षेम को संकट कारित करे, या कारित करने की प्रवृत्ति रखती हो, या बल्वा या दंगा कारित करती हो, या कारित करने की प्रवृत्ति रखती हो, तो वह दोनों में से किसी भांति के कारावास से जिसकी अवधि छह मास तक की हो सकेगी, या जुर्माने से, जो एक हजार रुपये तक का हो सकेगा, या दोनों से, दंडित किया जाएगा।</p> <p><b>स्पष्टीकरण</b>—यह आवश्यक नहीं है कि अपराधी का आशय अपहानि उत्पन्न करने का हो या उसके ध्यान में यह हो कि उसकी अवज्ञा करने से अपहानि होना संभाव्य है। यह पर्याप्त है कि जिस आदेश की वह अवज्ञा करता है, उस आदेश का उसे ज्ञान है, और यह भी ज्ञान है कि उसके अवज्ञा करने से अपहानि उत्पन्न होती या होनी संभाव्य है।</p> <p><b>दृष्टान्त</b>  एक आदेश, जिसमें यह निदेश है कि अमुक धार्मिक जुलूस अमुक सड़क से होकर न निकले, ऐसे लोक सेवक द्वारा प्रख्यापित किया जाता है, जो ऐसा आदेश प्रख्यापित करने के लिए विधिपूर्वक सशक्त है। क जानते हुए उस आदेश कि अवज्ञा करता है, और तद्वारा बल्वे का संकट कारित करता है। क ने इस धारा में परिभाषित अपराध किया है।</p>

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

North Block, New Delhi-110001  
Dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

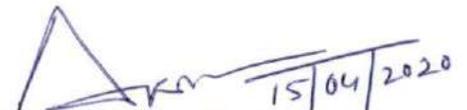
**ORDER**

Whereas, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, has issued an Order dated 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 that the lockdown measures stipulated in the Consolidated Guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country, will continue to remain in force upto 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

Whereas, to mitigate hardship to the public, select additional activities will be allowed, which will come into effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. However, these additional activities will be operationalized by States/ Union Territories (UTs)/ District Administrations based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines on lockdown measures. Before operating these relaxations, States/ UTs/ District Administrations shall ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to social distancing in offices, workplaces, factories and establishments, as also other sectoral requirements are in place. The consolidated revised guidelines incorporating these relaxations are enclosed;

Whereas, the consolidated revised guidelines will not apply in containment zones, as demarcated by States/ UTs/ District administrations. If any new area is included in the category of a containment zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a containment zone, will be suspended except for those activities as are specifically permitted under the guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues directions to all the all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities for the strict implementation of enclosed consolidated revised guidelines.

  
15/04/2020  
**Union Home Secretary**

**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.

**Consolidated Revised Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/ UT Governments and State/ UT authorities for containment of COVID-19 in the country**

**[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020]**

**1. With the extension of the lockdown period, the following activities will continue to remain prohibited across the country until 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020:**

- i. All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for purposes enumerated in para 4 (ix), and for security purposes.
- ii. All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes.
- iii. Buses for public transport.
- iv. Metro rail services.
- v. Inter-district and inter-State movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities permitted under these guidelines.
- vi. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
- vii. All industrial and commercial activities other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.
- viii. Hospitality services other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.
- ix. Taxis (including auto rickshaws and cycle rickshaws) and services of cab aggregators.
- x. All cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
- xi. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings.
- xii. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
- xiii. In case of funerals, congregation of more than twenty persons will not be permitted.

**2. Operation of guidelines in Hotspots and containment zones**

- i. 'Hotspots', i.e., areas of large COVID-19 outbreaks, or clusters with significant spread of COVID-19, will be determined as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (GoI).
- ii. In these hotspots, containment zones will be demarcated by States/ UTs/ District administrations as per the guidelines of MoHFW.
- iii. In these containment zones, the activities allowed under these guidelines will not be permitted. There shall be strict perimeter control in the area of the containment zones to ensure that there is no unchecked inward/ outward movement of population from these zones except for maintaining essential services (including medical emergencies and law and order related duties) and Government business continuity. The guidelines issued in this regard by MoHFW will be strictly implemented by State/ UT Governments and the local district authorities.



**3. Select permitted activities allowed with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020:**

- i. To mitigate hardship to the public, select additional activities have been allowed which will come into effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. These limited exemptions will be operationalized by States/ UTs/ district administrations based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines. Also, before allowing these select additional activities, States/ UTs/ district administrations shall ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for social distancing in offices, workplaces, factories and establishments, as also other sectoral requirements are in place.
- ii. The consolidated revised guidelines incorporating these select permitted activities have been enumerated in paras 5-20 below.

**4. Strict enforcement of the lockdown guidelines**

- i. State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner, and shall strictly enforce the same.
- ii. State/ UT Governments, may, however, impose stricter measures than these guidelines as per requirement of the local areas.

**5. All health services (including AYUSH) to remain functional, such as:**

- i. Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, telemedicine facilities.
- ii. Dispensaries, chemists, pharmacies, all kinds of medicine shops including *Jan Aushadhi Kendras* and medical equipment shops.
- iii. Medical laboratories and collection centres.
- iv. Pharmaceutical and medical research labs, institutions carrying out COVID-19 related research.
- v. Veterinary Hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, pathology labs, sale and supply of vaccine and medicine.
- vi. Authorised private establishments, which support the provisioning of essential services, or efforts for containment of COVID-19, including home care providers, diagnostics, supply chain firms serving hospitals.
- vii. Manufacturing units of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical oxygen, their packaging material, raw material and intermediates.
- viii. Construction of medical/ health infrastructure including manufacture of ambulances.
- ix. Movement (inter and intra State, including by air) of all medical and veterinary personnel, scientists, nurses, para-medical staff, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services, including ambulances.

**6. Agricultural and related activities:**

**A. All agricultural and horticultural activities to remain fully functional, such as:**

- i. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field.
- ii. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
- iii. '*Mandis*' operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) or as notified by the State/ UT Government (e.g., satellite *mandis*). Direct marketing operations by the State/ UT Government or by industry, directly



from farmers/ group of farmers, FPOs' co-operatives etc. States/ UTs may promote decentralized marketing and procurement at village level.

- iv. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
  - v. 'Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)' related to farm machinery.
  - vi. Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.
  - vii. Movement (inter and intra State) of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/ horticulture implements.
- B. Fisheries - the following activities will be functional:**
- i. Operations of the fishing (**marine and inland**)/ aquaculture industry, including feeding & maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing.
  - ii. Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
  - iii. Movement of fish/ shrimp and fish products, fish seed/ feed and workers for all these activities.
- C. Plantations- the following activities will be functional:**
- i. Operations of tea, coffee and rubber plantations, with maximum of 50% workers.
  - ii. Processing, packaging, sale and marketing of tea, coffee, rubber and cashew, with maximum of 50% workers.
- D. Animal husbandry – the following activities will be functional:**
- i. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.
  - ii. Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries and livestock farming activity.
  - iii. Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw material, such as maize and soya.
  - iv. Operation of animal shelter homes, including *Gaushalas*.
- 7. Financial sector: following to remain functional:**
- i. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers.
  - ii. Bank branches and ATMs, IT vendors for banking operations, Banking Correspondents (BCs), ATM operation and cash management agencies.
    - a. Bank branches be allowed to work as per normal working hours till disbursal of DBT cash transfers is complete.
    - b. Local administration to provide adequate security personnel at bank branches and BCs to maintain social distancing, law and order and staggering of account holders.
  - iii. SEBI, and capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
  - iv. IRDAI and Insurance companies.



**8. Social sector: following to remain functional:**

- i. Operation of homes for children/ disabled/ mentally challenged/ senior citizens/ destitutes/ women/ widows.
- ii. Observation homes, after care homes and places of safety for juveniles.
- iii. Disbursement of social security pensions, e.g., old age/ widow/ freedom fighter pensions; pension and provident fund services provided by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- iv. Operation of *Anganwadis* – distribution of food items and nutrition once in 15 days at the doorsteps of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers. Beneficiaries will not attend the *Anganwadis*.

**9. Online teaching/ distance learning to be encouraged:**

- i. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
- ii. However, these establishments are expected to maintain the academic schedule through online teaching.
- iii. Maximum use of Doordarshan (DD) and other educational channels may be made for teaching purposes.

**10. MNREGA works to be allowed:**

- i. MNREGA works are allowed with strict implementation of social distancing and face mask.
- ii. Priority to be given under MNREGA to irrigation and water conservation works.
- iii. Other Central and State sector schemes in irrigation and water conservation sectors may also be allowed to be implemented and suitably dovetailed with MNREGA works.

**11. Public utilities: following to remain functional:**

- i. Operations of Oil and Gas sector, including refining, transportation, distribution, storage and retail of products, e.g., petrol, diesel, kerosene, CNG, LPG, PNG etc.
- ii. Generation, transmission and distribution of power at Central and State/ UT levels.
- iii. Postal services, including post offices.
- iv. Operations of utilities in water, sanitation and waste management sectors, at municipal/ local body levels in States and UTs.
- v. Operation of utilities providing telecommunications and internet services.

**12. Movement, loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo (inter and intra State) is allowed, as under:**

- i. All goods traffic will be allowed to ply.
- ii. Operations of Railways: Transportation of goods and parcel trains.
- iii. Operations of Airports and related facilities for air transport for cargo movement, relief and evacuation.
- iv. Operations of Seaports and Inland Container Depots (ICDs) for cargo transport, including authorized custom clearing and forwarding agents.



- v. Operations of Land Ports for cross land border transportation of essential goods, including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies.
- vi. Movement of all trucks and other goods/ carrier vehicles with two drivers and one helper subject to the driver carrying a valid driving license; an empty truck/ vehicle will be allowed to ply after the delivery of goods, or for pick up of goods.
- vii. Shops for truck repairs and dhabas on highways, with a stipulated minimum distance as prescribed by the State/ UT authorities.
- viii. Movement of staff and contractual labour for operations of railways, airports/ air carriers, seaports/ ships/ vessels, landports and ICDs is allowed on passes being issued by the local authority on the basis of authorizations issued by the respective designated authority of the railways, airports, seaports, landports and ICDs.

**13. Supply of essential goods is allowed, as under:**

- i. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-Commerce companies should be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.
- ii. Shops (including *Kirana* and single shops selling essential goods) and carts, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food and groceries (**for daily use**), hygiene items, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, poultry, meat and fish, animal feed and fodder etc, should be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.
- iii. District authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.

**14. Commercial and private establishments, as listed below, will be allowed to operate:**

- i. Print and electronic media including broadcasting, DTH and cable services.
- ii. IT and IT enabled Services, with upto 50% strength.
- iii. Data and call centres for Government activities only.
- iv. Government approved Common Service Centres (CSCs) at Gram Panchayat level.
- v. E-commerce companies. Vehicles used by e-commerce operators will be allowed to ply with necessary permissions.
- vi. Courier services.
- vii. Cold storage and warehousing services, including at ports, airports, railway stations, container Depots, individual units and other links in the logistics chain.
- viii. Private security services and facilities management services for maintenance and upkeep of office and residential complexes.



- ix. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
  - x. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
  - xi. Services provided by self-employed persons, e.g., electrician, IT repairs, plumbers, motor mechanics, and carpenters.
- 15. Industries/ Industrial Establishments (both Government and private), as listed below, will be allowed to operate:**
- i. Industries operating in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities.
  - ii. Manufacturing and other industrial establishments with access control in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export Oriented Units (EoUs), industrial estates, and industrial townships. These establishments shall make arrangements for stay of workers within their premises as far as possible and/ or adjacent buildings and for implementation of the Standard operating protocol (SOP) as referred to in para 21 (ii) below. The transportation of workers to work place shall be arranged by the employers in dedicated transport by ensuring social distancing.
  - iii. Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw material and intermediates.
  - iv. Food processing industries in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities.
  - v. Production units, which require continuous process, and their supply chain.
  - vi. Manufacturing of IT hardware.
  - vii. Coal production, mines and mineral production, their transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations.
  - viii. Manufacturing units of packaging material.
  - ix. Jute industries with staggered shifts and social distancing.
  - x. Oil and gas exploration/ refinery.
  - xi. Brick kilns in rural areas i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities.
- 16. Construction activities, listed as below, will be allowed to operate:**
- i. Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs, in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities; and all kinds of projects in industrial estates.
  - ii. Construction of renewable energy projects.
  - iii. Continuation of works in construction projects, within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities, where workers are available on site and no workers are required to be brought in from outside (in situ construction).
- 17. Movement of persons is allowed in the following cases:**
- i. Private vehicles for emergency services, including medical and veterinary care, and for procuring essential commodities. In such cases, one passenger besides the private vehicle driver can be permitted in the backseat, in case of

four-wheelers; however, in case of two-wheelers, only the driver of the vehicle is to be permitted.

- ii. All personnel travelling to place of work and back in the exempted categories, as per the instructions of the State/ UT local authority.

**18. Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices will remain open, as mentioned below:**

- i. Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, Health and Family Welfare, Disaster management and Early Warning Agencies (IMD, INCOIS, SASE and National Centre of Seismology, CWC), National Informatics Centre (NIC), Food Corporation of India (FCI), NCC, Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) and Customs to function without any restriction.
- ii. Other Ministries and Departments, and offices under their control, are to function with 100% attendance of Deputy Secretary and levels above that. Remaining officers and staff to attend upto 33% as per requirement.

**19. Offices of the State/ Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies and Local Governments will remain open, as mentioned below:**

- i. Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, prisons and municipal services will function without any restrictions.
- ii. All other Departments of State/ UT Governments to work with restricted staff. Group 'A' and 'B' officers may attend as required. Group 'C' and levels below that may attend upto 33% of strength, as per requirement to ensure social distancing. However, delivery of public services shall be ensured, and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose.
- iii. District administration and Treasury (including field offices of the Accountant General) will function with restricted staff. However, delivery of public services shall be ensured, and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose.
- iv. Resident Commissioner of States/ UTs, in New Delhi, only to the extent of coordinating COVID-19 related activities and internal kitchen operations.
- v. Forest offices: staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, fire-fighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.

**20. Persons to remain under mandatory quarantine, as under:**

- i. All such persons who have been directed by health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities.
- ii. Persons violating quarantine will be liable to legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, 1860.
- iii. Quarantined persons, who have arrived in India after 15.2.2020, after expiry of their quarantine period and being tested Covid-19 negative, will be released following the protocol prescribed in the SOP issued by MHA.

**21. Instructions for enforcement of above lockdown measures:**

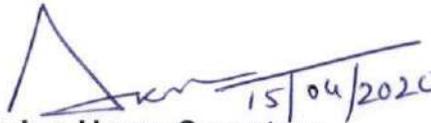
- i. All the district magistrates shall strictly enforce the National COVID 19 directives as specified in **Annexure I**. Penalties prescribed shall be levied and collected from all persons and entities violating these directives.



- ii. All industrial and commercial establishments, work places, offices etc. shall put in place arrangements for implementation of SOP as in **Annexure II** before starting their functioning.
- iii. In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
- iv. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
- v. **Additional activities permitted in these guidelines shall be implemented in a phased manner, after making all arrangements necessary for strict implementation of the guidelines. These will come into force with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.**

## 22. Penal provisions

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

  
15/04/2020  
Union Home Secretary

**National Directives for COVID-19 Management**

The National Directives shall be enforced by the District Magistrate through fines and penal action as prescribed in the Disaster Management Act 2005.

**PUBLIC SPACES**

1. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public places, work places.
2. All persons in charge of public places, work places and transport shall ensure social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. No organization /manager of public place shall allow gathering of 5 or more persons
4. Gatherings such as marriages and funerals shall remain regulated by the District Magistrate.
5. Spitting in public spaces shall be punishable with fine.
6. There should be strict ban on sale of liquor, gutka, tobacco etc. and spitting should be strictly prohibited.

**WORK SPACES**

7. All work places shall have adequate arrangements for temperature screening and provide sanitizers at convenient places.
8. Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing.
9. Persons above 65 years of age and persons with co-morbidities and parents of children below the age of 5 may be encouraged to work from home.
10. Use of Arogya setu will be encouraged for all employees both private and public.
11. All organizations shall sanitize their work places between shifts.
12. Large meetings to be prohibited.

**MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS**

13. Frequent cleaning of common surfaces and mandatory hand washing shall be mandated.
14. No overlap of shifts and staggered lunch with social distancing in canteens shall be ensured.
15. Intensive communication and training on good hygiene practices shall be taken up.

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**Standard Operating Procedure for Social Distancing for Offices, Workplace, Factories and Establishments**

The following measures shall be implemented by all offices, factories and other establishments:

1. All areas in the premises including the following shall be disinfected completely using user friendly disinfectant mediums:
  - a. Entrance Gate of building, office etc.
  - b. Cafeteria and canteens.
  - c. Meeting room, Conference halls/ open areas available/ verandah/ entrance gate of site, bunkers, porta cabins, building etc.
  - d. Equipment and lifts.
  - e. Washroom, toilet, sink; water points etc.
  - f. Walls/ all other surfaces
2. For workers coming from outside, special transportation facility will be arranged without any dependency on the public transport system. These vehicles should be allowed to work only with 30-40% passenger capacity.
3. All vehicles and machinery entering the premise should be disinfected by spray mandatorily.
4. Mandatory thermal scanning of everyone entering and exiting the work place to be done.
5. Medical insurance for the workers to be made mandatory.
6. Provision for hand wash & sanitizer preferably with touch free mechanism will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas. Sufficient quantities of all the items should be available.
7. Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing.
8. Large gatherings or meetings of 10 or more people to be discouraged. Seating at least 6 feet away from others on job sites and in gatherings, meetings and training sessions.
9. Not more than 2/4 persons (depending on size) will be allowed to travel in lifts or hoists.
10. Use of staircase for climbing should be encouraged.
11. There should be strict ban of gutka, tobacco etc. and spitting should be strictly prohibited.
12. There should be total ban on non-essential visitors at sites.
13. Hospitals/clinics in the nearby areas, which are authorized to treat COVID-19 patients, should be identified and list should be available at work place all the times.

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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 any body 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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