

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT**

No. POL.75/2020/Ptl/91

Dated, Shillong the 28th April, 2021

ORDER

Whereas it has been observed that the new strain of the COVID-19 virus is more virulent and infectious and is affecting both the young and old alike; and

Whereas many COVID-19 positive patients are now requiring Oxygen beds causing stress on limited healthcare infrastructure; and

Whereas vaccination coverage in the State is still low making the population in the State vulnerable; and

Whereas there has been a rapid surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in the State particularly in the urban pockets; and

Whereas a large proportion of the population lives in rural areas who might be affected unless intense containment measures are taken in these urban pockets.

Therefore, in order to safeguard the State from an uncontrollable surge in COVID-19 cases, **the following Containment Measures will be enforced with effect from 1st May, 2021 (5 AM) to 10th May, 2021 (5 AM):**

I. REGULATIONS FOR ENTIRE STATE:

1. Political, public, social and religious gatherings are not permitted including conferences, meetings and trainings. Weddings and Funerals are, however, permitted subject to a ceiling of 30 persons and with prior permission of the Deputy Commissioner.
2. Entry of tourists from outside the State shall not be permitted and all tourist spots shall remain closed.
3. International Border Trade shall be suspended.
4. Sports activities are not permitted.
5. Deputy Commissioners are authorised to restrict weekly markets and border haats in their districts depending on local situation.
6. Deputy Commissioners are also authorised to close educational institutions in their district depending on local situation.

II. REGULATIONS FOR SHILLONG URBAN AGGLOMERATION, TURA AND JOWAI:

A. Permitted Activities:

1. Opening of Essential Shops subject to regulation on days and timing to be decided by the Deputy Commissioner concerned. The list of Essential Commodities and Items is as per the list given in No. POL/2020/Ptl/13 dated 21st April, 2020.
2. Opening of shops dealing in hardware, electrical, plumbing & sanitary ware, computer service centres, mobile repair shops and automobile repair shops subject to regulation on days and timing to be decided by the Deputy Commissioner concerned.
3. Construction activities.
4. Banks and Banking Services, Post & Telegraph and Telecommunication Services.
5. Essential State Government Offices as notified by the Personnel and A.R. (A) Department.
6. Central Government offices and Banks to function at 100% strength for Group 'A' and at 30% strength for Group 'B', Group 'C' and Group 'D' staff.
7. Movement only for the following purposes is permitted on self-declaration and subject to adherence to protocols:
 - (a) Healthcare services, including emergency services and vaccination
 - (b) Agriculture and Veterinary Services.
 - (c) Transportation of Essential items.
 - (d) Movement of students, teachers and staff related to conduct of examinations.
 - (e) Goods Vehicles, E-Commerce Services, Supply of Medicines and Pharmaceuticals.
 - (f) Home Delivery Services.
 - (g) Accredited / Registered Press Personnel (Print and Electronic).
 - (h) Persons engaged in construction activities.
 - (i) Persons travelling on Essential Government Duty viz.,
 - i. Medical Teams and officials on COVID-19 Duty
 - ii. Police, Security and Armed Forces
 - iii. Civil Defence and Home Guards
 - iv. Fire and Emergency Services
 - v. Power (NEEPCO, MeECL, Powergrid, etc)

- vi. Water Supply (PHE)
- vii. Roads and Buildings (PWD, NHAI, NHIDCL, etc)
- viii. Municipal Services
- ix. Food Corporation of India
- x. Information and Public Relations
- xi. Banks, Post & Telegraph and Telecommunication Services

B. Restricted Activities (Shillong Urban Agglomeration, Tura town and Jowai town)

1. Educational institutions shall remain closed.
2. Places of religious worship shall remain closed except for wedding ceremony with prior permission of the Deputy Commissioner.
3. All private offices will be closed, except those providing essential services.
4. Non-Essential Central Government Institutions may close their offices and work from home.
5. Public Transport movement shall be reduced to 1/4th of the existing capacity as per the Notification to be issued by the Transport Department. Public Transport may be used for movement of persons as permitted at Para A-7 above.
6. Inter-District or Intra-District Movement to / from Shillong Urban Agglomeration, Jowai town, Tura town and any other containment area notified by respective Deputy Commissioners will be restricted except for those who are permitted as per Para A-7 above. For any other travel of an essential or emergent nature permission shall given by Deputy Commissioner concerned.
7. It is advised that, unless absolutely necessary, movement of persons to Shillong Urban Agglomeration should not be undertaken.
8. All non-essential movement is discouraged. Those violating the movement protocol or furnishing false self-declaration shall be liable for penal action as per law.



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