Government of Tripura Office of the Chief Secretary

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Dated 20th April, 2021

ORDER

Whereas it has come to the notice of the State Government that there is spread of COVID-19 occurring in different parts of the state which poses a major threat to public health, hygiene and safety of the people and it is also felt that unless measures are put in place to contain the spread of the pandemic, there is chance of large scale spread of COVID-19 in the population which is likely to cause loss of human lives.

AND

The epidemic disease COVID-19, in its 2nd wave, is spreading very rapidly throughout the country. In Tripura, new cases of COVID-19 are also being detected every day. The positivity rate is steadily rising.

NOW

I, therefore, in the capacity of the Chairman of the State Executive Committee of Tripura State Disaster Management Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 direct enforcement of following measures which will be in force till 30th April, 2021:

(i) Corona Night Curfew

Corona night curfew will be imposed between 10 PM to 5 AM in Agartala Municipal Corporation area wef 22nd April, 2021. Medical and other emergency needs and persons to maintain essential services like health, police, security, power supply, drinking water supply etc may be exempted. DM (West) will issue order under section 144 CrPC giving details. Wide publicity will be done of the order and strict enforcement measures will be taken.

(ii) Postponement of examinations:

In view of serious covid situation, the job related physical examinations and tests will stand postponed. This will include written examination by Joint Recruitment Board of Manpower & Employment Department and physical test of IR battalion. The concerned Departments will issue notification in this regard.

(iii) <u>Restrictions on gatherings:</u>

1. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the seating/hall capacity should allowed for any social, cultural, entertainment or political gathering with a ceiling of 100 persons. In open spaces, higher numbers may be allowed based on the size of the ground / space with a ceiling of 200 persons. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory. The organisers will deploy sufficient no. of volunteers/ staffs to regulate the crowd and enforcement of norms of social distancing and wearing of mask. Prior permission for all such gathering may be obtained from district/police administration.

- 2. Maximum 100 persons may be allowed in marriage/ birthday & other social functions both in public or private place.
- 3. Maximum 20 persons should be allowed in funeral / last rites related gathering.
- 4. Movie halls/ Multiplexes will function at 50% capacity.
- 5. Persons above the age of 65 are advised to remain indoors unless required to go for essential services. Others may be advised to curtail unnecessary movement and avoid crowded places.

All the District Magistrate & Collectors shall strictly enforce the above measures. Any persons violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal section Under Section 188 of I.P.C and other legal provisions as applicable. The government has also imposed measures under the Epidemic Disease Act 1987, main provisions of which are indicated in **Annexure A**.

(**Manoj Kumar**) Chief Secretary& Chairman, State Executive Committee

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- 1. All Principal Secretary / Secretary / Special Secretary, Govt. Of Tripura.
- 2. Secretary, Tripura Legislative Assembly.
- 3. Director General of Police, Tripura.
- 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Tripura.
- 5. All D.M & Collectors, Tripura.
- 6. All Superintendents of Police, Tripura.
- 7. All Heads of Department, Government of Tripura.

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Annexure A

The State Government, in exercise of the powers conferred Under Section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act 1987, framed "The Epidemic Disease COVID 19 regulations, 2020" to contain the spread of pandemic COVID 19 in the population. According to these regulations, following major restrictions have been imposed by the State Government:-

- Compulsory wearing mask including homemade washable cloth mask/ face cover by any cloth in public/work place or while travelling / driving.
- 2. Social distancing to be ensured in public and private transport.
- 3. Restricting shops to operate only after ensuring appropriate social distancing measures and avoiding over-crowding through volunteers to regulate shoppers. The shops having frontage less than one meter shall allow only one person at a time, having frontage 1 (one) or more but less than 2 (two) meters, two persons shall be allowed at a time and so on. Rest may stand behind with a distance of one meter in queue. The shopkeeper and shoppers shall compulsorily wear mask / face covers. Compulsory daily sanitization of area.

Penalty for the violations of the regulations is as follows:-

- 1. Fine of Rs. 200/- in the first violation and Rs. 400/- for subsequent violation in regard to not wearing of mask / face cover.
- 2. Fine of Rs. 1000/- for not ensuring social distancing in public and private transport, for not ensuring social distancing among the consumers in front of the shops by shopkeepers and for violating home quarantine norms.

Moreover, any person / institution / organisation violating the regulations shall be deemed to have committed offence punishable under Section 188 of IPC (45 of 1860).

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