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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY /
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE GANDERBAL
(Mini Secretariat Complex Duderhama)

Subject: COVID-19 restrictions under Section 144 CrPC, Disaster Management Act, 2005 – Sonamarg Tourist Resort.

ORDER

Whereas, it has been observed that a large number of local tourist are thronging Sonamarg tourist destination especially on the weekend; and

Whereas, heavy influx of tourists poses danger of resurgence of COVID-19 pandemic in view of possible violation of COVID appropriate behavior; and

Whereas, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kangan has also reported that unrestricted and unabated influx of tourists and day picnickers to Sonamarg may seriously undermine COVID-19 mitigation efforts put in place by the administration.

Whereas, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection at tourist destination, it is necessary to take some immediate measures.

Now, therefore, in view of above circumstances, I Farooq Ahmad Baba (KAS), Additional District Magistrate, Ganderbal, in exercise of powers conferred under 144 of the CrPC 1973, Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 hereby order as follows:

- i. On 17th – 18th and 24th – 25th July, 2021 (Saturday – Sunday) only such persons / tourists shall be allowed to proceed towards Sonamarg who possess a proof of confirmed booking in the hotels of Sonamarg, **no day picnickers shall be allowed to visit Sonamarg on the above mentioned dates.**
- ii. CEO, Sonamarg Development Authority shall conduct awareness programme for all hoteliers so that they are sensitized to adopt COVID appropriate behavior.
- iii. SDPO Kangan and Dy SP Traffic Ganderbal shall establish nakas at Kangan, Gund and Gagengeer so as to allow only Kargil traffic and bonafide people with proof of advance hotel booking to move towards Sonamarg.
- iv. Team already framed vide this office order endorsement No. ADM/PS/GBL/2021/154-62 dated: 10-07-2021 shall enforce COVID appropriate behavior at Sonamarg Tourist Resort.

Any violation of the above directions will, therefore, lead to prosecution under section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kangan and SDPO Kangan shall ensure implementation of order in letter and spirit.

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CEO DDMA
(Addl. District Magistrate)
Ganderbal
Dated: 14/07/2021

No.ADM/Gb/PS/179-90

Copy to the:-

1. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for information.
2. Director Tourism Kashmir for information.
3. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal for information and n/a.
4. CEO Sonamarg Development Authority for information and n/a.
5. Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kangan for information and n/a.
6. SDPO Kangan for information and n/a.
7. Tehsildar Kangan / Gund for information and n/a.
8. District Informatics Officer, Ganderbal for information with the directions to upload this order on official website of the District.
9. District Information Officer, Ganderbal for wide circulation and publicity in print and electronic media.
10. Tourist Officer Sonamarg Development Authority for information and n/a.
11. Office File.

14/7/2021