

OFFICE OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA

No. 2-49 SK/DM Dated 01st January 2021

ORDER UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT-2005

WHEREAS it has been brought into the notice of District Administration, Kangra by Chief Conservator of Forest (WL), Circle (North) Dharamshala, that a number of water birds in Pong Dam Lake Wildlife Sanctuary were found dead in mysterious conditions over past 2-3 days. The cause of death of these birds has not been ascertained so far.

WHEREAS the sample of these birds carcasses have been sent to IVRI, Bareilly and RDDI, Jalandhar to know about the exact cause of death of these birds and as such possibility of disease cannot be ruled out at this moment. So in order to prevent any further spread, if it is found to be contagious one, preventive measures need to be taken in and around 10 kilometers of Pong dam reservoir as per set protocol.

WHEREAS, I am satisfied that there is a real and imminent threat to life of the citizens near Pong dam reservoir, District Kangra, particularly due to recent surge of this mysterious death episode of migratory birds and possibility of further danger to human and animals life, cannot be ruled out if certain restrictions are not imposed;


THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, I, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, District Magistrate, Kangra at Dharamshala, do hereby order and direct, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of public at large, that :-

- (i) No human and domestic livestock activities shall be allowed in and around 1 kilometer periphery of Pong dam reservoir till further orders. (**Alert Zone**).
- (ii) Next 9 kilo meters of Alert Zone will be **Surveillance Zone** wherein all departments shall keep strict vigil and watch.
- (iii) All tourist activities shall be suspended in Pong dam reservoir till further orders.
- (iv) Police force should be deployed for assistance to enforce above measures, if necessary.

Any obstruction, resistance or refusal by any officer, official or any other person to comply with the directions as aforesaid shall render such person liable to prosecution under Sections 188, 269, 270 of IPC, 1860 and Sections 51, 52 of Disaster Management Act-2005;

THIS order shall come into effect immediately and shall remain valid till further orders:

ISSUED under my hand and seal on 01 January, 2021.


(Rakesh Kumar Prajapati) IAS
District Magistrate
District Kangra at Dharamshala

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Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

- 1) Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2) Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 3) Divisional Commissioner, Kangra .
- 4) Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kangra, for deployment of adequate police force.
- 5) DTDO Kangra at Dharamshala for strict compliance.
- 6) Chief Medical Officer, District Kangra
- 7) All Sub Divisional Magistrate whose jurisdiction is around the Pong Dam.
- 8) Deputy Director Animal Husbandry, for immediate necessary action as per The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.
- 9) Chief Conservator of Forest, for immediate necessary action as per The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.
- 10) Deputy Conservator of Forest, Wild Life Division, Hamirpur
- 11) DPRO Kangra for wide publicity through print/ electronic media and public address system.
- 12) All Executive Magistrates in District Kangra for information.
- 13) All Departments of Central and State Government working in District Kangra.
- 14) DIO Kangra with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration
- 15) BDO's for wide publicity through PRI's at local level.


District Magistrate
District Kangra at Dharamshala