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DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
U.T. OF LAKSHADWEEP  
KAVARATTI-682555

F.No.1/4/2020-Pol Part-1

Dated: 23 March, 2020

**PROHIBITORY ORDER U/S 144 Cr.PC. 1973**

Whereas Novel Corona virus Disease (COVID-19), a highly contagious disease declared to be pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), has spread throughout the country in the last few weeks in a rapid manner endangering the life of all citizens.

Whereas it is an established medical fact that COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus and therefore, social distancing and avoiding gathering of public is very essential to reduce the risk of transmission.

Whereas the undersigned is satisfied that there is a real and imminent threat of possible outbreak of COVID-19 in U.T. of Lakshadweep and that there are sufficient grounds for proceeding under section 144 of the Cr.PC in the present case for averting danger to human life, health and safety.

Whereas the circumstance of the situation do not admit serving of notice in due time upon all the persons residing in Union Territory of Lakshadweep, this order is passed ex-parte u/s 144 of Cr.PC.


Therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me u/s 144(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I Vijendra Singh Rawat, IAS, District Magistrate, U.T. of Lakshadweep direct that:-

- 1) Any assembly of four or more person shall stand prohibited in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

This order shall come into effect w.e.f. 00.00 HRS of 24.03.2020 in the entire area of Union Territory of Lakshadweep and shall remain valid until further orders.

Any person contravening this order shall be liable for punishment under section 188 and other relevant sections of IPC.

Given under my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> March of 2020.

  
23 | 03 | 2020  
(Vijendra Singh Rawat, IAS)  
District Magistrate,  
U.T. of Lakshadweep

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