

**COLLECTORATE: NABARANGPUR  
(COVID-19 CELL)**

No. 3313 /2021  
To

dated 23.03.2021.

The Sub Collector & Sub Divisional Magistrate, Nabarangpur/ All Tahasildars / All Block Development Officers under Nabarangpur district/ Executive Officer, Municipality, Nabarangpur / Executive Officer, Municipality, Umerkote.

Sub: Strict adherence of the COVID-19 safety protocols during celebration of "Dolayatra" and "Holi" on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021-Regarding.

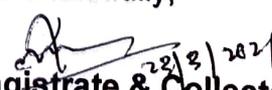
Ref: 1. Order No.1502/R&DM(DM) dated 19.03.2021 of Chief Secretary, Odisha.  
2. District Office order No. 3310 dated 23.03.2021.

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the letters on the subject cited above, I am to say that large congregations on the festival of "Dolayatra" and "Holi" have potential for spread of COVID-19 infections. In this connection, I am to say that in order to avoid mass gatherings/ crowding during celebration of "Dolayatra" and "Holi" on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, specific instructions have been issued by the Chief Secretary, Odisha vide Order No.1502/R&DM(DM) dated 19.03.2021 as well as District Office Order No. 3310 dated 23.03.2021. However, being the enforcement authorities under the Odisha COVID-19 Regulation, 2020, you are once again requested to ensure strict adherence of the following preventive measures as well as COVID-19 safety protocols by the temple authorities as well as devotees during celebration of "Dolayatra" and "Holi" on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021-

- (f) In the interest of the general public and for containment of spread of COVID-19, it is hereby directed that, congregation for celebration of "**Dolayatra**" and **associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed** in public throughout the Nabarangpur district jurisdiction.
- (g) **Only 10 devotees shall be allowed inside the temple at a time** for celebrations in temples and religious places. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer in the premises of temples will be mandatory. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the Organizers/ authorities of the place of worship/ temples, who shall be liable for any violation which may lead to penal action including closure/sealing of the premises.
- (h) "Dola Melan's shall be allowed with only 100 nos. of participants with strict adherence of Covid appropriate behavior and norms.
- (i) Further, it is directed that "**Holi**" on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and their related **rituals shall not be observed in public places** throughout the Nabarangpur District jurisdiction.
- (j) People may celebrate 'Holi' with family members in their houses only and **not in any public places including public roads.**

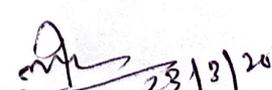
Yours faithfully,

  
District Magistrate & Collector,  
Nabarangpur

Dated 23.03.2021.

Memo No. 3314 /2021

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Nabarangpur for kind information and necessary action.

  
District Magistrate & Collector,  
Nabarangpur