

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, UNA DISTRICT UNA

No: 1085-1110 ALC/DM

Date: 30th December, 2020

ORDER UNDER SECTION 33 AND 34 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2005

WHEREAS the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), a highly contagious disease declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has spread throughout the state and is expected to spread on faster rate during festival season.

WHEREAS the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter No. STE-E(3)-14/2020, Dated 12th November, 2020 has directed to all District Magistrates to implement the orders passed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on dated 09th November, 2020 in original application No. 249/2020 titled Tribunal on its own Motion Vs. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and others highlighting the remedial action against pollution by use of fire crackers aggravating the menace of COVID-19 pandemic, posing higher danger to the lives and health of the vulnerable groups;

WHEREAS the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson, SEC Himachal Pradesh vide Order No. Rev(DMC)(C) 20-2/2020-COVID-19 dated 28th November, 2020 in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 has limited the social gatherings up to 50 persons maximum;

THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Sections 33 & 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, I, Raghav Sharma, District Magistrate, Una, do hereby order and direct in the interest of protecting the health and safety of public at large that :

1. Only green crackers will be sold in all cities/towns of District Una and the timings for bursting of crackers will be from 11:55 pm to 12:30 am on New Year eve. The District Police to ensure the compliance.
2. Social gatherings of maximum 50 people will be allowed for new year celebrations with prior permission of the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate through online portal. i.e. **covid.hp.gov.in**. Sub-Divisional Magistrates and Executive Magistrates shall ensure that the gatherings do not violate these norms.

3. Loud speaker, public address system or any sound producing instrument or a musical instrument or sound amplifier shall not be used in night time except in closed premises like auditoria, conference rooms, community halls, banquet halls or during public emergency with prior permission of concerned Sub-Divisional magistrate subject to the strict compliance with the NGT orders issued on dated 12th June, 2020.
4. The sale (retail or wholesale) of crackers shall only be allowed after seeking prior permission of the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate in the pre-identified/specified temporary places by the Sub-Divisional Magistrates.
5. Bursting of crackers in Markets, Government Offices, silence Zones and Heritage Buildings is strictly prohibited.
6. All Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats will ensure the scientific disposal of waste generated from fireworks.

All Sub-Divisional Magistrates and Executive Magistrates of District Una are authorized to take necessary action against such person(s) violating the aforesaid directions:

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 269, 270 of IPC, 1860 and Sections 51 and 55 of the Disaster Management Act,2005;

THIS order shall come into effect immediately and shall remain valid till 01st January, 2021;



Raghav Sharma, IAS

Chairman DDMA-cum-District Magistrate

Una, District Una (HP)

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action :-

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh.

2. Principal Secretary (Env., Sci. & Tech.) to Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Superintendent of Police, Una, District Una (HP).
4. All Executive Magistrates in Una District.
5. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Una (HP).
6. DPRO, Una for mass publicity.
7. All Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchayats, District Una (HP).
8. DIO Una with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration.



Chairman DDMA-cum-District Magistrate
Una, District Una (HP)