



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, DODA

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Subject: - Order U/S 144 of Cr.PC for taking action against the violators for spreading of rumours through social media in view of unconfirmed COVID-19 cases in District Doda.

No:- 2451-61 /DM/Doda.

Dt.:-16.03.2020.

O R D E R

1. Whereas, the prevailing health situation due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has given rise to serious concerns in India and in J & K as well.
2. Whereas, in this connection, it has been generally observed that rumors are being flashed through Social media platforms like Whatsapp / Facebook/ Instagram for confirmation of positive Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in District Doda, as a result general masses in the area may panic, which may lead to law and order problems.
3. Whereas, it is imperative to prevent the circulation of such false/unconfirmed news/information and rumors through Whatsapp groups and other social media platforms including facebook, etc.; and
4. Whereas, in view of the above and requirement of a speedy remedy for proper maintenance of law & order and prevention of any disturbance to public tranquility in the District., I, Dr.Sagar D. Doifode, IAS, District Magistrate, Doda by virtue of powers vested under Section 144 Cr.PC, hereby order that:-
  - i. No whatsapp group Administrator or any person (s) is allowed to upload any false information / or un-confirmed fabricated news or rumor with regard to confirmation of positive Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in District Doda unless & until confirmation from the District Administration or any higher authority.
  - ii. Violation by any whatsapp group administrator or any person (s) shall be liable for action under Indian Penal Code in case any untoward incident/law & order situation disturbance to public tranquility arises due to uploading/spreading of any false un-confirmed fabricated news with regard to confirmation of positive Novel Coronavirus.

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- iii. Masks and Sanitizers are essential items to combat the Novel Coronavirus and all the **Proprietors of Medical Shops as well as wholesalers of Medical Agencies/ Stockiest of such items functioning in District Doda**, shall ensure that there should be **no hoarding and no extra charging** of these items, in case of any violation by any **retailer/wholesaler/stockist** will be liable for imprisonment and all the SHO's in District Doda are directed to take strict action against such violators under the relevant section of law.
- iv. General public of District Doda shall also lodge a written complaint against such violators, if found any indulged in the above practice in the nearest police station/police post.

**Sr. Superintendent of Police, Doda shall ensure enforcement of this order in letter & spirit.**

(Dr. Sagar D. Doifode) IAS  
District Magistrate  
Doda (J&K)

Copy to the:-

1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for favour of information please.
2. Deputy Inspector General of police HQ Batote for information please.
3. Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda for information and necessary action.
4. Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda/Addl. Deputy Commissioner Bhandarwah for inf & n/a.
5. Sub Divisional Magistrate Gandoh/Thathri/Assar for inf. & n/a.
6. Addl. Superintendent of Police Bhandarwah for inf & n/a.
7. Sub Divisional Police officer Gandoh for inf. & n/a.
8. All Tehsildars of District Doda for information & strict compliance.
9. **Designated Officer (ACF), Food Safety, Food & Drug Administration, District Doda is hereby directed to get all such retailers/ wholesalers / stockists checked through his team in the District Doda and warned the said stockiest to abstain from hoarding and no extra charging on above said essential items. Moreover, during the said checking, if any retailer/ wholesaler/ stockist is found indulged in such practice, take immediate action under relevant section of law through the concerned SHO under an intimation to this office.**
10. All SHO's, District Doda for strict compliance