



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (DDMA)/DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KATHUA

Subject: Order under Section 144 of CrPC read with Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 regarding Weekend Lockdown in District Kathua.

ORDER

Whereas, in view of the situation emerging due to surge of COVID-19 +ve cases in District Kathua in the last few days, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 of CrPC for immediate prevention or speedy remedy is desirable to prevent danger to human life, health or safety; and


Whereas, Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, also empowers the undersigned to issue certain directions for safety and preventing any harm to human life; and

Whereas, it has been observed that based on extensive consultation with the Chief Medical Officer, Kathua, Epidemiologist and other health professionals, that stricter social distancing norms during the week days and strict lockdown during weekends need to be followed to prevent any further spike in the COVID-19 cases.

Now, therefore, **I, Om Prakash Bhagat, KAS, District Magistrate, Kathua** vide powers conferred upon me under Section 144 of CrPC read with relevant provisions under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005 do hereby order the following, from 5 PM on all Fridays till 6 AM on all Mondays, beginning from the Friday falling on 31-07-2020:-

- i) That there shall be complete restriction on movement of individuals, vehicles and all activities within the entire jurisdiction of district Kathua, except the movement for emergency medical requirements for which no pass etc. is required;
- ii) That only local Chemist, milk, curd and cheese sale counters, vegetables/fruits sale points shall remain open for community needs as per this office order issued vide No. DCK/Disaster/2020-21/2192-2212 dated 13-07-2020;
- iii) That government employees of essential services departments (including Medical Services) or such other departments as required by government shall be permitted to move on production of ID proofs;
- iv) No kind of curfew pass etc. shall be issued;
- v) There shall be no restriction on the movement of goods carries/oil/LPG tankers.

Since, it is not possible to serve prior notice of this order, it is as such being issued ex-parte. Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant sections of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005.


Om Prakash Bhagat, KAS
District Magistrate
(Chairman DDMA)
Kathua
Dated: 29-07-2020

No. DMK/JC/2020-21/2524-45
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1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for favour of information please.
2. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua for information and n/a.
3. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kathua/Billawar/Basohli for inf. & n/a.
4. Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) for information and n/a.
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6. Tehsildar _____ (All) for information and n/a.
7. District Information Officer, Kathua for information and wide publicity.
8. District Informatics Officer, Kathua for uploading on website of this office.