

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, KARAIKAL  
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No. DCK/A1/COVID19/2021-22/

Dt. 27.04.2021

**ORDER**

Sub: DCK – DM – COVID-19 – Containment of resurgence of COVID-19 – Compliance of the Directions in W.P. No. 12184/2020 of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras - Instructions – Issued - Reg.

Ref: 1. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dt. 23.03.2021 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.  
2. Order No. 104/PSEC/COVID-19/2021, dt. 12.04.2021, 20.04.2021, 21.04.2021, 26.04.2021 & 27.04.2021 of the State Executive Committee, Puducherry.  
3. This Office Orders of even nos. dated 01.04.2021, 22.04.2021 & 26.04.2021.  
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In the wake of the Novel Corona Virus (COVID19) situation, which has been declared as a notified disaster under the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005, the District Administration is taking several preventive measures.

2. The current situation of COVID-19 cases across the UT of Puducherry is in increasing trend. Considering this unprecedented surge, there is an urgent need to consider strict Covid management and control measures to bring the situation under control. The Union Territory of Puducherry Administration had already imposed Corona Night Curfew and Lockdown restrictions upto 30.04.2021 vide orders second cited. The counting of votes casted during the General Elections to the Puducherry Legislative Assembly is scheduled to be held on 02.05.2021. The Hon'ble High Court, Madras had made certain suggestions vide Order dated 26.04.2021 in W.P. No. 12184/2020 in the wake of Covid-19 epidemic.

3. Accordingly, this office Order dated 26.04.2021 third cited, imposing restrictions, is extended upto **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**. Gathering and congregation in any form is strictly prohibited. People are advised to remain indoor until necessity arises.

- (i) There shall be unhindered movement for election related staff and of Candidates / Counting Agents to enable them to each Counting Hall / Venue.
- (ii) Contesting Candidates and agents and the staff involved in counting process should undergo RTPCR Testing. Further there shall be a back-up plan to deploy RAT in case of RTPCR testing pose any constraints. Those entering Counting Hall should carry negative test report for RTPCR failing with of RATs.

(iii) The Counting of Votes on 2nd May, 2021 shall be undertaken as per the guidelines / instructions of ECI in compliance of Covid Protocol, without any compromise at all and there should be appropriate measures in place.

(iv) As directed by the Election Commission of India vide its letter No. 464/INST/2021/EPS, dt. 27.04.2021, no victory procession after the counting on 02.05.2021 shall be permissible. Not more than 2 persons shall be allowed to accompany the winning candidate or his / her authorised representative to receive the certificate from the Returning officer concerned.

  
(ARJUN SHARMA, I.A.S.)  
COLLECTOR-CUM-DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To  
All concerned.

*Copy to*

1. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Karaikal.
2. The Returning Officers IX & X, Karaikal.
3. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Karaikal
4. The Deputy Collector (DM), Karaikal.
5. The Deputy District Election Officer, Karaikal.
6. The Deputy Director (Imm), Karaikal.
7. The Enforcement Team Heads, Karaikal
8. The Assistant Director, Information & Publicity, Karaikal - for wider publicity
9. The District Informatics Officer, Karaikal - for hosting in the district website.
10. The P.S. to Hon'ble Lt., Governor, Puducherry.

*Copy submitted to*

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt, Puducherry.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry.
3. The Secretary (R&R) / Member Secretary (SEC), Puducherry State executive Committee, Puducherry
4. The Secretary (Health), Chief Secretary, Puducherry.