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ORDER

No: DCS/PS/20/L&O-16
Date: 16.08.2020

Sub: Opening of commercial/business establishments under SOPs

Whereas, in view of large number of Covid-19 cases reported during the unlock period certain restrictions were imposed on commercial/business operations except essential services.

Whereas, a review was conducted by District Disaster Management Authority and consultations were held with stakeholder organization. Expert advisories suggest precautions of highest order are required to be adopted at public places, mandatory use of mask, avoiding crowding/public gatherings, and other measures while considering any relaxation in lockdown.

Whereas, in view of consultations held, the concerned trade/business organizations have reassured about adherence to notified SOPs/precautions in premises of commercial/business establishments.

Whereas, there will be daily review of adherence to SOPs for deciding further course of action in view of constant rise in numbers of cases being reported every day.

Therefore, in view of the above, I , District Magistrate, Srinagar by virtue of powers vested in me under u/s 34 of The Disaster Management Act, Section 144 CrPC, and The Epidemic Diseases Act, do hereby notify the following w.e.f 17.08.2020:

1. Opening of any market/commercial/business establishment shall be subject to condition of adherence to notified SOPs including – wearing face mask, maintaining social distancing, display of “No Entry without Mask”, avoiding crowding in premises and mandatory marking for queue / directions. Arrangements for hand wash/sanitizer wherever applicable.
2. Only 50% Shops/Commercial/Business establishments shall open on rotation basis. In view of consultations held with trade organizations, the local market associations shall decide and prominently display the daily schedule of 50% shops to remain open on a particular day. Market associations may either opt for left/right side on alternate days or alternate shops on alternate days. A copy of schedule shall be mailed to desgr-jk@nic.in. In case of Shopping Malls same shall be adopted by the management and schedule notified prominently.
3. The timing for opening of shops shall be 11am to 5pm Monday to Saturday; however Chemist Shops shall continue to operate as per routine schedule. Hotels and Restaurants shall also open as per normal routine subject to SOPs notified by the State Executive Committee – for home delivery/take-away, and dine-in restricted to 50% capacity.
4. Restrictions during night 8PM to 6AM shall continue to be observed.

It is further notified that in case of violation of notified norms stringent action shall be initiated under the provisions of Section 51 of The Disaster Management Act, Section 188 IPC and relevant provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act. A further review will be conducted.

Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS
[District Magistrate]
Chairman DDMA, Srinagar


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