

**OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN DDMA-CUM-DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
DISTRICT HAMIRPUR (HP)**

No: ~~540-589~~ DCH/Relief/ DM/2020

Date: 21.03.2020

ORDER UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT 2005

WHEREAS the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a highly contagious disease declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has spread throughout the country in the last few weeks in a rapid manner endangering the life of all citizens;

WHEREAS it is an established medical fact that the COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus (with or without symptoms) and therefore the most effective measure for prevention of the spread of this deadly disease is curtailment of social/ community contacts and quarantine of persons suspected of carrying the Coronavirus;

WHEREAS the Government of Himachal Pradesh has notified the **Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020** to contain the spread of COVID-19 wherein it has been mandated to keep asymptomatic persons under home/ institutional quarantine and surveillance and to segregate and isolate symptomatic persons for testing and treatment as per Standard Operating Protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India;

WHEREAS the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter no. HFW-A-A(3)1/2020 dated 14.03.2020 has directed all District Magistrates to take necessary measures for prevention of spread of the COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS the Government of India has declared COVID-19 as a notified disaster vide letter no. 33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14.03.2020;

WHEREAS I am satisfied that there is a real and imminent threat of possible outbreak of dangerous COVID-19 epidemic in District Hamirpur due to recent reporting of such cases in bordering/ neighbouring States and recent heavy inflow & presence of international tourists/ travellers from COVID-19 affected countries in the District and that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 in the present case for immediate prevention of danger to human life, health and safety caused by the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS reports have been received from Sub-Divisional Magistrates that some persons who have been directed by Surveillance Personnel to confine themselves in home/ self-quarantine


as per protocol have been disobeying such directions and it has become impossible to otherwise trace their movements in public places where they pose the greatest risk to the health and safety of other citizens:

THEREFORE ,in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, I, Harikesh Meena , District Magistrate, Hamirpur do hereby order and direct, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of public at large and in order to immediately prevent the community transmission of COVID-19 in the District, that:

- (i) every person suspected or believed to be infected with COVID-19 or every person who may have come in contact with a person suspected or believed to have been infected with COVID-19, and who has been directed by Surveillance Personnel to keep himself/ herself confined to home/ self-quarantine shall be marked with a visible stamp by the Surveillance Personnel indicating the fact of home/ self-quarantine and date of completion of home/self-quarantine as per protocol;
- (ii) any person violating or refusing to comply with this order or aiding or abetting the violation of the above order at (i) shall be liable for prosecution under Sections 269, 270 of IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act 2005; and
- (iii) any person who has been directed for home/ self-quarantine by Surveillance Personnel but refuses to comply or found not to have complied with such directions and any person aiding, abetting or concealing such person shall be liable for prosecution under Sections 269, 270 of IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 along with a fine of Rs. 50,000/-; and
- (iv) any person who has been directed for home/ self-quarantine by Surveillance Personnel but refuses to comply or found not to have complied with such directions shall be immediately transferred to Temporary Quarantine Facility and any obstruction, refusal or resistance to such transfer by any person shall render such person liable to prosecution under Sections 269, 270 of IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act 2005; and

THIS order shall come into effect immediately for the entire area of District Hamirpur and shall remain valid until further orders;

ISSUED under my hand and seal on March 21, 2020.


(Harikesh Meena) IAS
Chairman DDMA-cum-
District Magistrate
District Hamirpur

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to Government of Himachal Pradesh
3. Divisional Commissioner Mandi
4. Superintendent of Police, District Hamirpur
5. Chief Medical Officer, District Hamirpur
6. District Ayurveda Officer, District Hamirpur
7. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Hamirpur
8. Executive Officer , Municipal Council Hamirpur
9. DPRO Hamirpur for wide publicity
10. Deputy Director, Higher Education/ Elementary Education, District Hamirpur
11. Additional District Magistrate, Hamirpur
12. Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner, Hamirpur
13. District Revenue Officer, Hamirpur
14. All Executive Magistrates in District Hamirpur
15. Medical Superintendent, Dr RKGMC Hamirpur , District Hamirpur.
16. Project Officer DRDA, Hamirpur
17. District Panchayat Officer, Hamirpur
18. DIO Hamirpur with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration


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District Magistrate
District Hamirpur(H.P)