

IN THE COURT OF THE DC/DISTRICT MAGISTRATE: IMPHAL WEST DISTRICT

ORDERS
Imphal, the 9th Sept 2021

No. DC(W)/1/CON/361/02: Whereas, an application dated 9-9-2021 has been laid before me by Revish Jangbam wife/husband/son/daughter/son-in-law/ of the deceased, wherein it is stated amongst others that his/her father namely, Jumpam Jochou - (63/4) S/o, D/o, H/o, W/o, 3) National Jam Village of Imphal West had expired on 9.9.2021 at RIMS due to COVID - 19 and as such, the undersigned has been requested to make arrangements for disposal of the dead body;

2. Whereas, it is reported by the Asst. Medical Dydt. RIMS Imphal vide letter No 91/INF/D/RMSK-15 (Pt-1) dated 9-9-2021 that 1. Iba Chou - 63 was brought to RIMS Covid - Ward on 31/8/2021 and admitted in Covid ICU/Ward/CCC. He/She was declared dead at 2:33 am on 9-9-2021 at RIMS -;

3. Whereas, it is stated amongst others, as per the 'Advisory related to handling of confirmed and suspect COVID - 19 dead bodies' issued by the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Manipur vide Notification No. 4/COVID- 19/DHS-2020 dated 20th May 2020 (Advisory - 12) (hereinafter referred to as Advisory - 12), that the District Administration with the help of law enforcing agencies should arrange for the last rites in the presence of the relatives as per protocol along with the maintenance of social distancing;

4. Whereas, Section 204 read with Section 161 of the Manipur Municipalities Act, 1994 authorizes the Deputy Commissioner in any case of emergency to direct the Nagar Panchayat or the Municipal Council as the case may be, to cause the corpse to be disposed of either by burial or cremation, etc. after the expiration of not less than 24 hours from the death of any person in a manner consistent with the religious tenets of the deceased;

5. Whereas, in the given circumstances, the dead body of the deceased, Jumpam Jochou - (63/4) needs to be disposed of immediately with due dignity and respect by performing a last rite as per his tradition, culture and religion; in compliance of ruling by Allahabad High Court dated 27.03.2009 in the Cril Misc. W.P. No. 38985 of 2004 (Ramji Singh @ Jujeeb Bhal -Vrs- State of U.P. &Ors.);

6. Now, therefore, I, Th. Kirankumar, District Magistrate, Imphal West District in exercise of power conferred under Section 204/161 of the Manipur Municipalities Act, 1994 do hereby order to dispose of the dead body of the deceased by the Commissioner, Imphal Municipal Corporation according to custom on or before 2:00 pm of 9-9-2021 at the Imphal Municipal Corporation Crematorium, Imphal/ IMC subject to observance of Advisory - 12 and the COVID-19: Guidelines on Dead Body Management issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division), Government of India.

7. Relatives of the deceased (restricted to 5 nos.) are allowed viewing of performing religious rituals over the dead body at the crematorium /Burial site. However, touching/bathing/kissing/ hugging etc. of the dead body is strictly prohibited. All charges for disposal/cremation of the dead bodies due to Covid-19 as per relevant extant provisions shall be borne by the District Administration, Imphal West.

Sd/-
(Th. Kirankumar)
DC/District Magistrate, Imphal West District.
Imphal, the 9-9-2021

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Copy to:-

1. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
2. Superintendent of Police, Imphal West.
3. Commissioner, Imphal Municipal Corporation for kind information and necessary action.
4. Director, Health Services, Manipur.
5. Chief Medical Officer, Imphal West.
6. Chairman/Managing Director/ Medical Superintendent of the hospital concerned RIMS
7. Officer-in-Charge, Imphal Police Station. 9612154992
8. Shri Revish relative of the deceased (Mobile No 9612154992)
9. File.

F. M. Khan
(Dr. Md. Imran Khan)
EM/Asst. Commissioner to
DC/District Magistrate,
Imphal West District, Manipur