

Government of Odisha Office of Special Relief Commissioner

No. 1561 /R&DM(DM)

Date: 23/03/2021

RDM-RLF-MISC-0133-2020

ORDER

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical situation due to detection of new variant of SARS-CoV 2 and it is necessary to strictly adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols for containment of spread of the infection;

And whereas, the State Government vide Order No.1020/R&DM(DM) dt.27.02.2021, have specifically directed that large gatherings congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious functions and other gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 500 persons subject to strict adherence of the COVID-19 safety protocols;

And whereas, the Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued SOP dated 22nd December, 2020 for stringent Epidemiological Surveillance and Response and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 26.02.2021 has issued revised guidelines for surveillance, containment and caution with regard to COVID-19;

And whereas, resurgence of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) have been noticed in many parts of India such as Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnatak, Gujurat, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala etc.;

And whereas, COVID appropriate behaviour and protocols during functions relating to marriage and funeral are not being observed scrupulously by the participants and there is apprehension of transmission of the infection in such gatherings;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 24(I) of the Disaster Management Act,2005 read with Rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules,2010, the following guidelines are issued in partial modification of Order No.1020/R&DM(DM) dt.27.02.2021 in the interest of the general public;

"The marriage and related gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 200 persons instead of 500 persons and funeral/ last rites related gatherings shall be allowed with 50 persons instead of 500 persons subject to the following conditions".

The Guidelines issued by the State Government vide Order No.4014/R&DM(DM) dt.06.07.2020 (Annexure-I) for marriage and funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic shall be strictly followed with the above modification.

- a. In closed spaces, the attendance shall be maximum 50% of the hall capacity subject to the above ceilings.
- b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space, appropriate number of persons subject to the above ceilings so as to ensure maintenance of the prescribed physical distancing norms.
- c. Mandatory provision of wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer.

d. The host of the marriage /funeral function shall make necessary arrangement for checking at the entry point and ensure wearing of masks by the quests/ others during the entire duration of their participation. Host shall make arrangement to provide masks to those who have not come with appropriate mask.

All Collectors/ All Superintendents of Police/ All Municipal Commissioners/ Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar- Cuttack are hereby directed to ensure the implementation of this guideline.

Any person found violating this order shall be punished under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant laws.

The order shall take effect from 26th March, 2021.

Chief Secretary, Odisha

Memo No.1562 /R&DM(DM) Date: 23/03/2021

Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Private Secretary to all Ministers/ Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner/ Agriculture Production Commissioner for kind information.

> Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

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Copy forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Commissionercum-Secretary of all Departments/ Director General of Police/ Director General of Police, Fire Services, C.G. Home guards and Director, Civil Defence/Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack/ All RDCs/ All Collectors/ All Superintendents of Police/ All Municipal Commissioners/ Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board for kind information and immediate necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division), Government of India for kind information.

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KALAHANDI.

Memo No.180 /Covid-19 Cell/ Res.

Dated 24th March, 2021.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Kalahandi/Addl. District Magistrate, Kalahandi/ Project Director, DRDA, Kalahandi/ Sub-Collector, Dharamgarh/ Bhawanipatna/ All Block Development Officers/ All Tahasildars/ All Executive Officers of Municipality & NACs/ All CDPOs of ICDS/ All Officers of Collectorate/ All Nodal Officers/ All District Level Officers of Kalahandi District for information and necessary action.

Copy to the DIO, NIC, Kalahandi with request to upload the same in Kalahandi District Portal for wide publicity of the Orders.

By the order of Collector & DM., Kalahandi.

Asst. Collector-cum-Nodal Officer, COVID-19 Cell, Kalahandi.