



**Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 2321 /R&DM(DM)

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From

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

To

All Collectors
All Superintendents of Police
All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations
Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack

Sub: Strict implementation of guidelines for marriage and funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic.


Ref: This office letter No 4014 date 06.07.2020 and order No 1561 date 23.03.2021, Order No 2057 date 19.04.2021

Madam/ Sir,

In inviting reference to the letter and orders mentioned above the revised consolidated guidelines for marriage and funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic is enclosed herewith which may be strictly followed by the public while conducting such functions/ related activities.

Hence, you are requested to ensure the implementation of this guidelines/ instructions by the field level functionaries while allowing such functions/ related activities to public during COVID-19.

Yours faithfully,


30/4/2021
Special Relief Commissioner &
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
(Disaster Management)


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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KALAHANDI.

Memo No. 538 /Covid-19 Cell/ Res.

Dated 1st May, 2021.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, 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 sent to the DIO, NIC, Kalahandi with request to upload the same in Kalahandi District portal for wide publicity of the Orders/communication.


**Additional Dist. Magistrate,
Kalahandi.**

GUIDELINES FOR MARRIAGE AND FUNERAL RELATED FUNCTIONS

DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

A. Marriage and related functions

1. The numbers of persons allowed in a marriage function including hosts, guests, priests and catering and other support staff shall be as decided by Government from time to time.
2. The conduct of marriage procession shall be guided by Government Orders issued from time to time.
3. In case of violations of orders/ guidelines/ instructions, the vehicles and equipment and accessories used in the procession shall be seized and criminal action will be taken against the host/ owner of the band/ baja/ light/ sound service provider. Local authorities may, in addition to filing of criminal action under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, DM Act, 2005 and Indian Penal Code, suspend licenses up-to one(1) month, and impose penalties under relevant laws/ rules/ regulations.
4. The list of participants should be submitted to the local authorities at least 24 hours before the event. This said list shall be conspicuously displayed at prominent locations of the venue which can be easily read by public from a distance of ten (10) feet. If persons other than those declared before the local authorities and as such displayed are found present in the venue, it shall be considered as violations of the conditions of permission. Action as deemed proper under relevant sections of E.D Act, 1897, D.M Act, 2005 and IPC shall be initiated against the owner of the venue as well as the host. Further Local Authorities may impose penalty on the host, and owner of the venue apart from taking such other action as sealing, seizure and levy of penalty under prevailing rules/ guidelines/ orders of the Local authorities.
5. Wearing of masks correctly, maintaining social distancing of at least six(6) feet between participants and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer shall be mandatory.
6. The owner of the venue as well as the host of the function shall be criminally liable for any violation and non-adherence of guidelines/ Covid-19 protocols.
7. The host of the marriage/ funeral function as well as the Venue owner shall make necessary arrangement for checking at the entry point and ensure wearing of mask by the guests/ others during the entire duration of their participation. Host shall make arrangement to provide masks to those who have not come with appropriate masks.
8. Marriage and its related functions shall be held only with prior permission (in writing or through electronic communication) of the local Police Station.
9. Local Police Station will be authorised to give permission for holding marriage and its related functions subject to participation of maximum 50 (Fifty) persons.
10. Local police authorities will ensure that under no circumstances more than 50 persons participate in the marriage ceremony.
11. Other permissions, if any required, shall be obtained from the competent authority (ies) and conditions therein shall be complied with.
12. Persons with symptoms of Influenza Like Infection (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) shall not be allowed to the marriage venue/ function.
13. Vulnerable groups of people, such as, persons above 65 years of age, children below 10 years, persons with co-morbidities and pregnant women are advised not to attend the function.

14. At least 2 meter physical distance shall be maintained between individuals during marriage function.
15. All persons in the marriage venue shall mandatorily use face mask during the entire period of the function except during eating.
16. Chewing of gutka and paan and spitting in public is strictly prohibited. The father / guardian of the groom shall ensure adherence to this.
17. The host of the marriage will ensure elaborate arrangement for hand washing with soap and water and also ensure availability of hand sanitizers.
18. The seating and dining arrangement shall be done in such a way that at least 2 metre physical distance is maintained between individuals.

Liability for violation, if any:

1. The host and the owner/ manager of the marriage venue/ premises shall be held responsible for ensuring the guidelines and will be liable for legal action in case of any violation.
2. The participants in the marriage function will also be held responsible for violation of conditions, if any, on their part and shall be liable for legal action.

B. Funeral and related functions

1. Similarly, in case of funerals and last rites the ceiling on numbers of persons including host and family members, guests, priests and other support staff shall be as decided by Government from time to time.
2. Funeral and its related functions shall be held with prior permission (in writing or through electronic communication) of the local Police Station.
3. However, cremation can be carried out under intimation to the local police station in writing or through electronic communication. Where the cremation is to be done at a place within the area of a police station other than the police station area in which the death has occurred, intimation has to be given to both the police stations.
4. At least 2 meter physical distance shall be maintained between individuals in the funeral function.
5. The seating and dining arrangement shall be done in such a way that at least 2 metre physical distance is maintained between individuals.
6. All persons participating in the funeral function shall mandatorily use face mask during the entire period of activities except during eating/ bathing.
7. Chewing of gutka and paan and spitting in public is strictly prohibited. The host of the funeral function shall ensure adherence to this.
8. The hosts of the funeral ceremony will ensure elaborate arrangement for hand washing with soap and water and also ensure availability of hand sanitizers.
9. It will be the responsibility of the host of the funeral function to ensure that the provisions of these guidelines are strictly followed including the ceiling on the number of persons to attend the funeral ceremony.
10. The owner/ manager of the premises of the funeral function shall also be held responsible for ensuring the guidelines in the premises and liable for legal action in case of any violation.