



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GAD - Covid-19- strong possibility of a widespread outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in Kerala State - regulations under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 - orders issued

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SECRET SECTION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.48/2020/GAD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram: 21.03.2020

ORDER

Whereas the State Government of Kerala is satisfied that there is a strong possibility of a widespread outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the State of Kerala:

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on the State under section 2 of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, to maintain public health and order, the Government of Kerala issues the following regulations:

All religious and cultural festivals, tournaments, group competitions and mass gathering of people at public places, parks, beaches, theaters, malls etc are prohibited. District Magistrates are authorized to invoke provisions of Section 144 Cr.P.C, as and when required to prevent spread of epidemic under intimation to Additional Chief Secretary (Home).

All healthcare institutions in private sector including hospitals and medical colleges shall provide information on the availability of total beds, hospital rooms, hostel rooms, corona testing equipments, ICU beds, ventilators and any other relevant data on COVID-19 to "COVID Control Room" (0471-2364424, email- covid19ksdma@gmail.com) established at State Disaster Management Authority in Trivandrum, with copies to Health Secretary and District Collectors concerned.

Hoarding of essential commodities will be dealt with severely as per existing laws in force.

Collectors & District Magistrates and the District Police Chiefs are hereby empowered under section 2 of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to enforce this order.

Any person who disobeys any part of this order shall be deemed to have committed an offence under section 188 of Indian Penal Code.

These regulations shall come into force with effect from 22nd March, 2020 00:00 hrs.

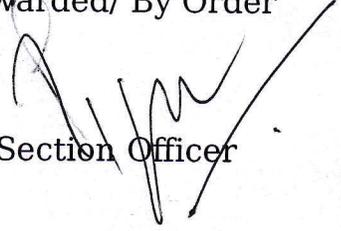
(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**TOM JOSE
CHIEF SECRETARY**

To

All District Collectors
All District Police Chiefs
Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Vigilance Department
State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram
Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
Principal Secretary, Health Department
Director, Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram
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