GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
GANGTOK

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Ref.No.10/Home/2020 Dated: 14/07/2020

In the High Powered Meeting taken by H.C.M. today (14/07/2020) to review the COVID-19 situation, the following decisions have been taken:-

1. Rongli and Pakyong Sub Divisions will be brought under complete lockdown. The Order in this regard will be issued by D.M., East.

2. Inter-District and Intra-District movement of people and vehicles shall be stopped forthwith and till further orders. Only local movement of people and permitted vehicles shall be allowed. The Police shall put up barricades/nakkas on all exit and entry points of district/municipalities/bazaars and other key locations to ensure that no movement outside local limits takes place without authorization.

3. Gyms and bars shall not be allowed to operate till further orders.

4. All officials meetings requiring assembly of people in Secretariat/Government offices shall be postponed and will not take place, till further orders. Such meetings, if necessary, shall be held through VC. Similarly, visits by public to Samman Bhawan or Secretariat to call on H.C.M., Hon'ble Ministers, Secretaries and other officers shall ordinarily not take place unless prior appointment has been requested and granted. The visits to residential offices of HCM and Hon'ble Ministers and senior officers shall also not be encouraged except in case of exigency and only with prior permission.

5. The East District Police shall ensure that local movement of vehicles and people in the VIP Colony area is properly regulated in the light of the above.

6. The movement of all private vehicles including two wheelers shall not be allowed. Operation of taxis shall however be allowed as per the existing odd/even stipulation for local movement only. Similarly, operation of two wheelers will be allowed for the purpose of food delivery as per the existing guidelines. The movement of vehicles in connection with supply of essential commodities and maintenance of emergency services only shall be allowed.
7. The passes earlier issued by any authorities other than Home, Health and Forests Departments shall become invalid. New passes can however, be issued by (and under the signature of District Collector alone) only in case of medical emergency, official purpose or extreme exigency. Issuance of such passes with details shall be reported by the District Collectors to Home Department and PHQ and also communicated to ADGP, Law & Order, DIG, Range and concerned District Superintendents of Police for proper coordination and control at ground level. These passes should have distinctive colour and features for easy identification and shall be valid only for specified day/days/purpose mentioned in the pass.

8. A list of all uniformed Forest Department officials upto the rank of Beat Officers posted in the districts should be prepared and submitted to the District Collector by 15th July, 2020 evening positively. District Collectors shall confirm the receipt of such list to the Home Department. Thereafter, DCs shall in consultation with SPs of concerned districts requisition the services of these officials for deployment for Covid 19 related duties. Non compliance of deployment orders issued by DCs shall invited disciplinary action.

9. In view of local availability of labourers, BRO should immediately start inducting them to meet their labour requirement and not to bring labour from outside to that extent.

The above instructions/decisions shall be applicable upto 31st July, 2020. Concerned departments may issues further orders, wherever required and report compliance.

(S.C. Dutta, IAS)
Chief Secretary

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1. Director General of Police, Sikkim Police, PHQ
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Department
3. Principal Secretary, Forest Department
4. Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department
5. Secretary to HCM
6. Secretary, Protocol
7. Chief Engineer, BRO
8. DC, East/SP, East for necessary action.