ORDER UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT 2005

Whereas there is a real and imminent threat of outbreak of an epidemic of the dangerous and highly contagious Novel Corona Disease (COVID-19) epidemic in District Bilaspur due to recent reporting of such cases in the neighbouring States/ Districts:

Whereas COVID-19 has been declared as a notified disaster by Government of India vide letter no. 33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14/03/2020:

Whereas the Sub Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) are required to function as the Incident Commanders in their respective jurisdiction to deal with the COVID-19 disaster in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India:

Whereas it is essential to strictly enforce the maintenance of social distancing between all persons at all times in public places to prevent the community transmission of COVID-19 and to appoint Sector Magistrates/ Officers for enforcement thereof:

Therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Sections 33 and 34 of Disaster Management Act 2005, I, Rajeshwar Goel IAS, District Magistrate, Bilaspur do hereby order and direct, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of public at large and in order to immediately prevent the community transmission of COVID-19 in the District, that all SDMs shall appoint Sector Magistrates/ Officers in their jurisdiction for enforcement of social distancing and take all such measures that may be necessary to prevent spread of COVID-19 in the community. All Line Departments will work under the control/directions of the Incident Commander. District Administration Bilaspur and the SDMs of District of Bilaspur shall be competent to requisition vehicles of Government Departments/ Bodies for use in response to COVID-19 and all the POL & repair charges of such vehicles during the period of requisition shall be borne by the concerned Government Department/ Body out of its usual annual budgetary allocations.
Any obstruction, resistance, negligence or refusal by any person or officer to comply with the directions as aforesaid shall render such person or officer liable to prosecution under Section 51 and 55 of the Disaster Management Act 2005;

This order shall come into force immediately for the entire area of District Bilaspur and shall remain valid until further orders in large public interest;

Issued under my hand and seal on April 23, 2020.

Rajeshwar Goel, IAS
Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman DDMA Bilaspur,
District Bilaspur HP

Endst. No. No.: BLS-SK-12(336)/2010-COVID-19 20/01-2010

Dated: 23/04/2020

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1. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2 for information please.
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4. The Divisional Commissioner, Mandi Division District Mandi (HP) for information please.
5. The Superintendent of Police, District Bilaspur (HP) for information please.
6. The Superintending Engineer (PWD)/Jal-Shakti Deptt./HPSEB District Bilaspur for information 
   & necessary action please.
7. All the Sub-Divisional Magistrates in Distt. Bilaspur, for information & necessary action please.
8. The Project Officer (DRDA) District Bilaspur (HP) for information & necessary action please.
9. All Tehsildars/Naib-Tehsildars in District Bilaspur (HP) for information & necessary action please.
10. All Block Development Officers in District Bilaspur (HP) for information & necessary action please.
11. The District Public Relations Officer, Bilaspur HP wide publicity of this order.
12. The DIO (NIC), Bilaspur with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration Bilaspur immediately.

Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman DDMA Bilaspur,
District Bilaspur HP