GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
HOME DEPARTMENT  
TASHILING SECRETARIAT  
GANGTOK

No. 09/Home/2020  
Dated: 17/05/2020

ORDER

SUB: MEASURES TO CONTAIN SPREAD OF COVID-19

Whereas, the Union Home Secretary, Government of India has, in exercise of powers conferred under section 10(2) (I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, issued Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 17/05/2020 conveying new guidelines to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country, with directions for strict implementation of the same;

And whereas, in the aforesaid Order, the Government of India has issued directions to all State Governments to extend the lockdown till 31st May, 2020;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee and in accordance with the aforesaid new Guidelines issued by MHA, Government of India, in so far as their implementation in the State of Sikkim is concerned, hereby issues the new guidelines as specified in the attached "Annexure", for strict implementation, with the direction that the same may be read in conjunction with the aforesaid new guidelines of the Government of India.

The National Directives for COVID-19 Management issued along with the new guidelines by MHA and attached as Enclosure-I shall be enforced by the District Magistrates as per the penal provisions under relevant laws and regulations.

Encl: As above.

(S.C. Gupta, IAS)  
Chief Secretary
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

NEW GUIDELINES


1. Lockdown shall continue to remain in force upto 31st May, 2020.

2. The following activities shall continue to remain prohibited/ closed across the State:
   i. Inter-state transport by all modes except with specific permission issued by the concerned District Magistrate.
   ii. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc. except online/distance teaching.
   iii. Hospitality services other than those used for housing /health/police/government officials/health care workers, stranded persons including tourist and those used for quarantinefacilities.
   iv. All cinema halls, shopping malls, shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
   v. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions and other gatherings.
   vi. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
   vii. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons shall be permitted.

3. The following select activities are permitted with restrictions:

A. Movement of persons/vehicles (intra-state):

   a. Taxis/Private Vehicles:

      Movement of both taxi and private vehicles, including two-wheelers within the State shall be allowed in the following manner:

      i. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with odd digit shall be allowed to ply on days having odd dates.
ii. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with even digit shall be allowed to ply on days having even dates.

iii. Two wheelers shall be allowed, but without pillion rider with odd/even stipulation indicated at Sl. No. (a) (i) and (ii) above.

iv. No passes shall henceforth be required for the commuters and also the vehicles for inter-district movement within the State, subject to (i) and (ii) above and observance of social distancing measures.

v. Taxi syndicates, agents and taxi stands shall not be allowed to operate.

b. Government vehicles:

i. For Government vehicles, the passes issued by the Home Department shall continue to remain valid during the entire period of extended lockdown. Those Government vehicles for which passes have not been issued by the Home Department, shall be allowed to ply as per the odd-even arrangement at Sl. No. (a) (i) and (ii) above.

ii. The passes issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Sikkim Police, Forest and Environment Department shall continue to remain valid.

c. Other restrictions:

i. In order to maintain social distancing, small vehicles (vans/cars) shall carry only three passengers; one in the front seat next to the driver and two in the back seat. The contract carriages/luxury taxis/SUVs shall carry only five passengers, one in the front seat next to the driver and two each in the back rows.

ii. All drivers and passengers shall wear masks and strictly follow the norms of social distancing. Each vehicle driver shall ensure sanitizers are available in the vehicle for use of the passengers.

d. Buses:

i. SNT buses are allowed to ply within the State. Social distancing norms shall be strictly followed.

ii. Other private buses shall be allowed to operate for movement of employees to/from work place.

B. Movement of commercial vehicles, loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo (both inter and intra State)

i. Movement of all authorized/identified trucks shall be allowed as per the odd-even arrangement mentioned at Sl. No. A(a) (i) and (ii) above.

ii. All trucks registered from outside the State shall be allowed to enter the State. Trucks originating from Siliguri shall be subject to odd/even arrangement stated above. As far as practicable, they shall return the same day. In the event that they
are unable to return the same day, the drivers and helpers shall stay at the transit camps identified by the District Magistrates.

iii. All goods traffic will be allowed to ply with one driver and one helper in the truck/goods carrier. The restriction on use of Light Transport Vehicles (LTV) for inter-state movement of goods shall continue to remain.

iv. An empty truck/goods carrier vehicle will be allowed to ply after the delivery of goods, or for pick-up of goods.

C. Commercial and private establishments:

i. All licensed neighbourhood shops which are standalone shops including vehicle showrooms, auto garages, tyre repair shops, barber shops, spas, salons, (except shops in shopping complexes and multi-brand and single-brand malls) shall remain open with 50% strength of the workers.

ii. All restaurants/fast food centres/sweet-shops/bakeries shall be allowed to operate but only for pick-up/take-away and home delivery service. No in-house seating shall be allowed.

iii. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff as identified and empanelled/ notified by the District Magistrates.

iv. Wearing of masks and strict adherence to social distancing will be mandatory. The markings outside the shops to facilitate this should be ensured. The shops will remain open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

v. All markets in town areas shall remain open on all weekdays. The weekly closure shall not apply.

D. Movement of persons/vehicles (inter-state);

Movement shall be allowed only for the purpose of bringing back the stranded persons covered by MHA Guidelines contained in Order No. 40-3/2020/DM-I (A) dated 29/04/2020 and Home Department Office Order No 04/Home/2020 dated 30/04/2020 in this regard, in a regulated manner.

E. Functioning of Government offices:

i. Central Government offices shall operate as per the instructions of GOI and with general application of these guidelines with regard to travel/movement.

ii. For State Government offices, all Secretaries/HoDs and HoOs shall ensure that the offices are operated with 30% staff strength to ensure that all important works are promptly attended to.

iii. Instruction in (ii) above shall apply to all Boards/Corporations/Societies etc under the administrative control of Government departments.
3. **All other activities not covered above will be allowed.**

4. **Other Measures/Restrictions.**
   
i. The movement of individuals for all non-essential activities shall remain strictly prohibited between 6 PM to 7 AM. District Magistrates shall issue orders under Section 144 of CrPC, for this purpose, and ensure strict compliance.

   ii. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes, as per the National Directives.

   iii. Employees of all Government/Industrial/Commercial establishments should mandatorily download Arogya Setu.

5. **Penal Provisions.**

Any person violating these lockdown measures and the National Directives for COVID-19 Management will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec.188 of the IPC, and Sikkim Public Health and Safety (Covid-19) Regulations, 2020.

(S.C. Gupta, IAS)  
Chief Secretary  
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National Directives for COVID-19 Management

1. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public and work places.
2. Spitting in public places shall be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations by the State/UT local authority.
3. Social distancing at work places shall be ensured through adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.
4. Marriages related gatherings shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum number of guests allowed shall not be more than 50.
5. Funeral/last rites related gatherings shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum numbers allowed shall not be more than 20.
6. Consumption of liquor, pan, gutka, tobacco etc. in public places is not allowed.
7. Shops will ensure minimum six feet distance (2 gaz ki doori) among customers and shall not allow more than 5 persons at the shop.
   *Additional directives for Work Places,*
8. As far as possible, the practice of work from home should be followed.
9. Staggering of work/business hours shall be followed in offices, work places, shops and exit points and common areas.
10. Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
11. Frequent sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., shall be ensured, including between shifts.
12. All persons in charge of work places shall ensure social distancing through adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.