

Government of Odisha

Office of Special Relief Commissioner

No. <u>139</u> /R&DM(DM) Date: 12-01-2021

From

Pradeep Jena, IAS Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Disaster Management To

To

All Collectors
All Superintendent of Police
All Municipal Commissioner
Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack

Sub: Guidelines on Marriage and Funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic

Sir,

Detailed guidelines on Marriage and Funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic were circulated vide this Department letter No.4014/R&DM dated 06.07.2020 to be followed by public. In the said order, among others, it was directed that there would be no marriage procession until further orders.

In the mean time, the State Government vide Order No.7384/R &DM(DM) dated 30.12.2020, have allowed marriage related gatherings with a ceiling of 200 persons and funeral/ last rites gatherings with a ceiling of 100 persons subject to following conditions:

- a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity, subject to the above ceilings.
- b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons, <u>subject to the above ceilings</u>, so as to ensure maintenance of the prescribed physical distancing norm.
- c. Mandatory provision of wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer.

Taking into account the present situation, it has been decided by the Government to allow the marriage processions subject to the ceiling on the number of participants mentioned above including bride, bridegroom, priest, friends, relatives, guests, members of band party, light and sound systems, etc. and strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety protocols including physical distancing.

The Guidelines issued vide this Department letter No.4014/R&DM dated 06.07.2020 stand modified accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

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