

Government of Odisha Office of Special Relief Commissioner

No. 7380 /R&DM(DM) Date: 30-12-2020

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ORDER

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical stage of COVID-19 pandemic and it is necessary to strictly adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols for containment of spread of the infection;

And whereas, the State Government vide Order No.6691/R&DM(DM) dated 30.11.2020, have specifically directed that large social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural & religious functions and other gatherings will remain prohibited in the State till December 31, 2020;

And whereas, in view of the new variant of SARS- CoV 2 virus detected which is spreading and growing rapidly in United Kingdom (UK), the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) has issued SOP dated 22nd December, 2020 for stringent Epidemiological Surveillance and Response;

And whereas, usually people in large number congregate in hotels, restaurants, clubs, parks and other public places on 31st December and 1st January for Zero Night Celebration/ Welcome to New Year/ similar function on the eve of new year.

And whereas, such congregations have large potential for spread of COVID-19 infections:

And whereas, considering the above, the State Government have directed in public interest to prohibit such activities on 31st December, 2020 and 1st January, 2021;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules, 2010, the undersigned hereby directs that congregation in public places including hotels, restaurants, clubs, parks, convention halls, kalyan mandaps, etc. for Zero Night Celebration/ Welcome to New Year/ similar other function on 31st December, 2020 and 1st January, 2021 shall remain prohibited throughout the State.

Any person found violating this order shall be punished under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant laws.

> Chairperson, State Executive Committee

Memo No. 7381/R&DM(DM) Date: 30-12-2020

Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Private Secretary to all Ministers/ Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner/ Agriculture Production Commissioner for kind information.

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

Memo No. 7382/R&DM(DM) Date: 30-12-2020

Copy forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Commissioner-cum-Secretary of all Departments/ Director General of Police/ Director General of Police Fire Services/Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack/ All RDCs/ All Collectors/ Superintendents of Police/ All Municipal Commissioners for kind information and immediate necessary action.

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

Memo No.7383/R&DM(DM) Date: 30-12-2020

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division), Government of India for kind information.

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