



Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner

No. 3986 /R&DM(DM), Dt.04-07-2020
RDM-RLF-MISC-0034-2020

ORDER

Whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.06.2020 have prohibited all religious functions across the country up to 30th July, 2020;

And whereas, in the said order, the States/ UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, are authorized to prohibit certain activities outside the Containment Zones, or to impose such restrictions as deemed necessary from time to time;

And whereas, in pursuance of the above orders issued by the Government of India, the Government of Odisha, on assessment of the situation, vide Order No.3856/&R&DM(DM) dated 30-06-2020 has specifically directed that all religious places/ places of worship for public will continue to remain closed and all social, political and religious functions/ congregations are prohibited till 31st July, 2020;

And whereas, in the Odia month of Shravan, people carry water from some religious places, walk barefoot for several miles and put water in some Shiva Temples on each Monday of this month and these people generally referred to as, 'Bol Bom devotees' or 'Kaudia' start their journey on Saturday/ Sunday/ Monday by collecting water from one religious place and walk till Monday morning and pour the collected water on a Shiva Linga in some other Temple on Monday;

And whereas, the above activity is not permitted in view of the above orders of the Government of India and the Government of Odisha and also have extensive potential of spreading COVID-19 pandemic;

Now therefore, on further assessment of the situation and in the interest of public health, the State Government do hereby order that the above religious activities and congregations remain prohibited and the Kaudias / Bol Bom devotees are not allowed to carry water from any religious place or any other sources and also not allowed to walk on any public road and pour water in any Temples/ Shiva Temples during the Odia month of Shravan (July/August), 2020.

The above order issued by the State Government shall be strictly implemented in the interest of public health.

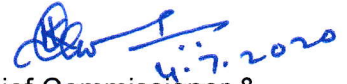
By order of the Governor

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Chief Secretary, Odisha

Memo No. 3987 /R&DM(DM) Date: 04-07-2020

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4.7.2020

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

Memo No. 3988 /R&DM(DM) Date: 04-07-2020


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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
(Disaster Management)

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4.7.2020

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