

Government of Odisha Office of Special Relief Commissioner

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From

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All Collectors All Superintendents of Police All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack

Sub: Strict implementation of lockdown guidelines during marriage and funeral functions.

Ref: Order No 2444/ R&DM (DM) Date.03-05-2020.

Madam/ Sir,

It is observed that in many districts, people are applying for conducting social activities like marriage and funeral functions. It is pertinent to mention that the Government of India vides its order no. 40-3/2020- DM-I (A) dated 1st May, 2020 has allowed such functions with restrictions during lockdown period. Accordingly, the State Government vide Order No.2444 /R&DM(DM) dated 3rd May, 2020, has also allowed marriage & funeral functions in Annexure- 12 of the said order with restrictions in different zones (Red, Orange, Green) within the jurisdiction of the Districts and Municipal Corporations during lockdown period from 04.05.2020 to midnight of 17.05.2020.

Hence, while allowing such functions/ related activities as per relevant laws/ rules/ regulations during the lockdown period; the stipulations/ guidelines mentioned below shall be followed strictly by the public along with the regulations indicated in the relevant laws/ rules/ regulations under which such permissions are given. The field level functionaries may be instructed to ensure that the guidelines and such other terms & conditions as imposed by the appropriate authorities are strictly implemented.

- Marriages related gatherings shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum number of guests allowed shall not be more than 50.
 Funeral/ last rites related gatherings shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum number of persons allowed shall not be more than 20.
 (Annexure- 12 vide Order No.2444 / R&DM (DM) dated 3rd May, 2020)
- At least 2 (two)-meter distance to be maintained between individuals, particularly in Marriage Processions (Barats / Barayatri) and marriage functions/ funeral functions.
- 3. The vehicles like cars, buses used in such functions shall strictly adhere to the norms indicated in the above mentioned order. Cars with driver plus two persons and buses/ vans with up to 50% of seating capacity and two wheeler with only rider (pillion rider is not allowed) shall be permitted.
- 4. All other conditions laid down in the order shall strictly be followed including no activity during 7.00 PM to 7.00 AM.
- 5. All persons attending such functions shall put on masks.
- 6. Chewing of Gutka, Paan and spitting in public places is strictly prohibited.

Anyone found violating these conditions, stringent action as per law shall be taken against them. The vehicles used in such functions may be impounded.

Yours faithfully,

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Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Disaster Management Memo No. **2504** /R&DM(DM) Date: 06.05.2020 Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Private Secretary to all Ministers/ OSD to Chief Secretary/ Private Secretary to Development Commissioner/ Private Secretary to Agriculture Production Commissioner for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Hon'ble Ministers/ Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner/ Agriculture Production Commissioner.

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