

No: - DMP/PA/6165-76  
Date:- 21-05-2020.

Subject: - Instructions/guidelines on lockdown measures in District Poonch w.e.f. 21-05-2020.

### ORDER

Whereas, Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) has been declared as global pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO) affecting several countries of the world including India;

Whereas, in view of the advisories issued by the Health Authorities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and break the transmission chain of virus it is necessary to enforce certain restrictions in order to control the spread of virus in the District;

Whereas, State Disaster Management Authority has laid down certain instructions/Standard Operating Procedure to facilitate the functioning/availability of essential commodities vide order No: 45-JK(DMRRR) of 2020 dated: 18-04-2020 and vide order no 53/JK(DMRRR) of 2020 Dt 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Whereas, following same, relaxations/regulations were issued by this office vide order no DMP/PA/5558-69 Dt 04.05.2020 with the conditions that strict social norms shall be adhered to.

Whereas, fresh guidelines have been issued by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir on 20-05-2020 vide Govt. Order No. 55 - JK (DMRRR) of 2020 dated: 19-05-2020 regarding measures to be followed during lockdown;

Whereas, District Poonch falls in the category of green zone, now, therefore, I, Rahul Yadav, IAS, District Magistrate, Poonch in exercise of powers vested in me under section 144 CrPC and Disaster Management Act 2005 do hereby issue the following guidelines/instructions with this order for regulating the activities within the area of Poonch District for effective containment of COVID-19 w.e.f. 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 till further order.

#### Non-Permissible activities in District Poonch

The following activities shall continue to remain prohibited across the entire District Poonch: -

1. All schools, colleges, educational/training/coaching institutions (including Anganwadi centres) etc. However, online/distance learning shall be permitted. Their offices can continue to function for administrative purposes.
2. Hotels & Restaurants other than those used for quarantine facilities shall be closed. Take away facility shall also be closed. However, home delivery services will be allowed.
3. All gymnasiums, parks, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls, and similar places.
4. All social/political/entertainment/academic/cultural/religious functions/other gatherings and congregations.



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5. All religious places/places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
6. There will be no movement of the Individuals for all non-essential activities between 07:00 PM to 07:00 AM.
7. **Liquor shops shall remain closed.**

### **Activities permitted in the entire Poonch District**

There shall be normal functioning of all the activities falling within the jurisdiction of District Poonch from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM: -

1. Normal functioning of private hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.
2. All shops including market areas, bazaars shall remain open from 09:00 AM to till 05:00 PM.
  - i) All the staff/salesman of shops shall compulsorily wear masks and hand gloves. More than 03 persons will not be allowed at a time inside a shop. All the customers shall also wear masks.
  - ii) There shall be no parking on roads of bazaars/market complexes/market areas in order to prevent congestion and ensure social distancing.
  - iii) No entry of four wheeler personal vehicle shall be allowed/permitted in the Poonch town for the purpose of purchase of goods.
  - iv) Any establishment/shop/unit, if found not following the social distancing, masks or adequate sanitizing norms may be sealed immediately by the concerned Executive Magistrate.
  - v) Any four wheeler vehicle, if found, wrongly parked in the market area may be seized.
3. All agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and related activities.
4. Barber shops, saloons and parlours in all areas **except** in the **Red Zones**.
5. All private offices with 100% staff self regulated by office-in-charge.
6. Sports activities in Stadium and Sports Complexes without the presence of spectators.
7. Marriage related functions with not more than 50 persons maintaining social distancing with permission for the function in Red Zone areas.
8. Funeral/last rites related rituals with not more than 20 persons maintaining social distancing.
9. Self-employed service providers such as plumbers, technicians, electricians etc shall be permitted.
10. Intra District movement of individuals in vehicles is allowed with maximum of 02 passengers beside the driver in 04 wheeler vehicle and with no pillion rider in case of 02 wheelers.
11. Inter District movement of persons in private vehicle is allowed without crossing a **Red District** with maximum of 02 passengers beside the driver in 04 wheeler vehicle and with no pillion rider in case of 02 wheelers.
12. Sports related activities are allowed without the presence of spectators.



  
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13. All the passengers or returnees coming to Poonch District from outside the Union Territory shall have to undergo a COVID-19 test following which they will be under administrative quarantine till the test result is negative.

Further, it is reiterated that all the establishments working in the territorial jurisdiction of District Poonch shall take preventive steps to follow social distancing and ensure adequate sanitizing norms in the area. Any establishment/unit/shop found not following the said norms shall be booked under law. Moreover, it shall be mandatory for the general public of District Poonch to wear face mask while coming out of their houses.

However, these instructions shall not apply to government vehicles, ambulances & government staff involved in the efforts against COVID-19 and staff of essential emergency services with due passes/Identity Cards.

Provided that the above order shall not apply to Police or Para-military person or any other Government Servant on official duties for management of essential services with proper ID/pass;

This order shall remain in force with immediate effect on 21-05-2020.

**This order shall supersede all previous orders and shall apply to all the areas across District Poonch (rural/urban).**

In view of the emergent nature of the order, it is being passed ex-parte and addressed to the public in general. It shall be circulated in print, electronic, social media and through the medium of loud speakers for information of all concerned.

Any violation of this order shall invite action as per the provisions of section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

Issue under my seal and signature today on 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2020.

However, this order shall not apply to **Red Zone/Containment Zone**, if any, in the District.



(Rahul Yadav) IAS  
District Magistrate  
(Chairman DDMA)  
Poonch

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5. District Information Officer, Poonch for publication in any two leading Daily Newspapers.
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