

URGENT CIRCULAR

Sub: HM & FW Dept. – Containment, Control and Prevention of spread of COVID – 19 – Lock down till 31st March, 2020 in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Notification under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 – Circular instructions issued – Reg.

Ref: GO.Rt.No.209 of the Health, Medical & FW Dept. Dt.22.03.2020.

The Government has issued notification under section 234 of Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 and issued following measures to ensure that such a lockdown will come into force with immediate effect across the state of Andhra Pradesh up to 31st March 2020:

- i. No public transport including inter-state transport services shall be permitted. The exception will include transport of all kinds to and fro from hospitals, airports & railway stations etc.
- ii. All non-essential commercial shops shall be shutdown.
- iii. All non-essential offices, factories, workshops, go-downs etc. if operated should do so with skeletal staff.
- iv. All foreign returnees are directed to remain under strict home quarantine for a period of 14 days or as advocated by local Health Authorities (Collectors to monitor and update on online portal).
- v. Police will ensure Beat Vigilance System regarding all foreign returnees across the state. For this, police should take help of Mahila Samrakshna Karyadarshi (mahilapolice).
- vi. General public are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services while strictly following social distancing (2m distance between individuals) guidelines issued earlier.
- vii. Any congregation of more than 10 persons is prohibited in public places.
- viii. A 100 bedded Quarantine / Isolation facility should be established at each assembly constituency level.
- ix. Each district headquarters shall have 200-300 bed Tertiary Care Treatment facility dedicated for COVID-19 treatment in coordination with private sector.
- x. Collectors will maintain strict vigilance on essential commodities and medicines. Clear advertisements regarding rates & stocking in this regard shall be communicated and any violation by individuals/establishments shall be dealt strictly under relevant provisions of the IPC. A toll free number should be set up by District Collectors for complaints in this regard
- xi. Farmers and individuals involved in production of food grains/essential commodities will be allowed to take up their activities by maintaining social distancing norms.

The following establishments providing essential services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:

- a. Offices charged with law and order and magisterial duties
 - i. Collector
 - ii. Joint Collector
 - iii. Sub Collector /RDO
 - iii. Tahsildar/MRO
- b. Police, Health, Urban Local Bodies, Fire, Electricity, Water and Municipal Services, Bank/ATM, Print, Electronic and Social Media.
- c. Food, Groceries, Milk, Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Fish and their transportation related activities and warehousing.
- d. Hospitals, Pharmacies, Optical stores, Pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation related activities