

**OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN DDMA-CUM-DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA (HP)**

No: 541-58

Date: 24.03.2020

**ORDER UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT 2005**

WHEREAS the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a highly contagious disease declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has spread throughout the country in the last few weeks in a rapid manner endangering the life of all citizens;

WHEREAS it is an established medical fact that the COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus (with or without symptoms) and therefore the most effective measure for prevention of the spread of this deadly disease is curtailment of social/ community contacts and quarantine of persons suspected of carrying the Coronavirus;

WHEREAS the Government of Himachal Pradesh has notified the **Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020** to contain the spread of COVID-19 wherein it has been mandated to keep asymptomatic persons under home/ institutional quarantine and surveillance and to segregate and isolate symptomatic persons for testing and treatment as per Standard Operating Protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India;

WHEREAS the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter no. HFW-A-A(3)1/2020 dated 14.03.2020 has directed all District Magistrates to take necessary measures for prevention of spread of the COVID-19 in their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS the Government of India has declared COVID-19 as a notified disaster vide letter no. 33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14.03.2020;

WHEREAS I am satisfied that there is a real and imminent threat of possible outbreak of dangerous COVID-19 epidemic in District Kangra due to recent reporting of such cases in the District and recent heavy inflow & presence of international tourists/ travellers from COVID-19 affected countries in the District and that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 in the present case for immediate prevention of danger to human life, health and safety caused by the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS private medical practitioners who are treating foreign returnees who have symptoms are not reporting these cases to the Chief Medical Officer, Kangra and the District



Administration leading to grave risk of community transmission of COVID-19 by symptomatic persons;

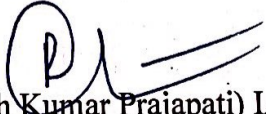
THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, I, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, District Magistrate, Kangra at Dharamshala, do hereby order and direct, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of public at large and in order to immediately prevent the community transmission of COVID-19 in the District, that all PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (including AYUSH practitioners, practitioners of Tibetan medicine and other alternative forms of treatment/ medicine) within territorial limits of District Kangra shall:

- a) require every person/ patient visiting them with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath or respiratory problems to give a complete and full declaration/ disclosure regarding his/her travel history in last 28 days from date of reporting for treatment; and
- b) immediately report all cases of such symptomatic patients who are (i) foreigners, or (ii) persons who have travelled to foreign countries or who have returned from other States of India within last 28 days from date of reporting for treatment to 1077.

Any obstruction, resistance, negligence or refusal by any person to comply with the directions as aforesaid shall render such person liable to prosecution under Sections 269, 270 of IPC and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act 2005; and

THIS order shall come into effect immediately for the entire area of District Kangra and shall remain valid until further orders in larger public interest;

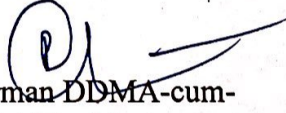
ISSUED under my hand and seal on March 24, 2020.

  
(Rakesh Kumar Prajapati) IAS  
Chairman DDMA-cum-  
District Magistrate  
District Kangra at Dharamshala

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to Government of Himachal Pradesh
3. Divisional Commissioner Kangra
4. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kangra

5. Prime Minister, Tibetan Government in-exile
6. Chief Medical Officer, District Kangra
7. District Ayurveda Officer, District Kangra
8. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Kangra
9. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Dharamshala
10. DTDO Kangra
11. DPRO Kangra for wide publicity
12. Additional District Magistrate, Kangra
13. Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner, Kangra
14. District Revenue Officer, Kangra
15. All Executive Magistrates in District Kangra
16. Medical Superintendent, Dr RPGMC Tanda, District Kangra
17. District Surveillance Officer, Kangra
18. DIO Kangra with the request to upload the order on official website of the District Administration

  
Chairman DDMA-cum-  
District Magistrate  
District Kangra at Dharamshala