

**Home Department
Government of Bihar**

Date- 29.7.2020

ORDER

Whereas, an order of MHA dated-29.06.2020 issued for containment of COVID-19, in the country, for a period upto 31.07.2020

And whereas, there is an alarming surge in COVID-19 positive cases in State of Bihar in last three weeks wherein positivity rate has also been considerably high.

And whereas, the Government has examined the matter in detail and is convinced that the requirement for a lockdown in following manner is inevitable and urgent to contain the further spread of the COVID-19 within the State.

And Whereas, vide letter no-DO No-40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated-29.06.2020 of the Home Secretary Govt. of India, States, based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain activities in areas outside containment zones, or impose such restrictions as deemed necessary.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred vide the instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, the undersigned hereby directs that the guidelines, as follows, will remain in force in State HQ, District HQ, Sub Divisional HQ, Block HQ and all Municipal areas in the state of Bihar, for a period of 16 days with effect from 01.08.2020.

- 1- Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/Subordinate Offices and Public Corporation shall work with 50% sub-ordinate staff . Officers will attend office.

Exceptions;

Defence, central armed police forces, treasury, public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), disaster management, power generation and transmission units, post offices, National informatics Centre, Early Warning Agencies may operate at full strength.

- 2- Offices of the State Governments, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporation, etc. shall remain open with 50% sub-ordinate staff . Officers will attend office.

Exceptions;

- a. Police, home guards, civil defense, fire and emergency services, disaster management, Elections and Prisons.

- b. District administration and Treasury along with IT services/Video Conferencing support from BELTRON.
- c. Electricity, water supply, sanitation, Health, Food and Civil Supplies, Water Resources, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry.
- d. Municipal bodies
- e. Forest offices- Staff and workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, parks, plantation, firefighting in forests, wildlife rescue including handling human- wildlife conflicts, watering plantations, patrolling and protection of sanctuaries including tiger reserves, operation of pollution monitoring stations and the corresponding field and headquarter offices.
- f. Offices of Social Welfare - Staff and workers required (i) to operate and maintain child care institutions under Juvenile Justice Act, old age homes, homes for women, destitute and persons with disability, (ii) to pay food security allowances under National Security Act (iii) to pay social security pensions and the corresponding field and headquarter offices.
- g. Session of state legislatures & functions held by state/district administration on Independence day will be permitted to be held.

Note :- Offices related to judicial work will be run as per the guidelines issued by the Administration of Patna High Court.

3- Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted. This provision shall apply to veterinary services and establishments also.

4- Commercial and private offices will be allowed to operate at 50% strength.

Exceptions : The following shall be allowed to operate in normal manner :-

- a. Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder, agricultural inputs. However, authorities will encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATM which will include all bank related subsidiaries offices like Cash Management, IT services etc.
- c. Print and electronic media

- d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.
- e. E-commerce (All kind of goods).
- f. Petrol pumps. LPG petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- h. Capital and debt market services and notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India
- i. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- j. Private security services
- k. Hospitality services including Hotels/Motels/Lodges. Restaurants/ Dhaba/ Eateries will be allowed to open with home delivery/take away services only.
- l. Repair and maintenance activities- garage, mobile repair, shops related to repair and maintenance parts etc. to be allowed by the district administration.

All other private shops and markets will be allowed to operate by the district administration with reasonable necessary restrictions.

5- Industrial Establishments will be allowed to open with strict implementation of necessary precautions against COVID-19 virus, as well as social distancing measures, as advised by Health Department from time to time. However, such establishment will work in-situ in Urban areas.

6- All Transport services will be suspended-

Exceptions:

- a. As per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Railways, Air and Rail transport will remain functional.
 - b. Taxies, auto rickshaws etc will be permitted across Bihar.
 - c. Private Vehicles will be allowed across Bihar for permitted activities mentioned in this order.
 - d. Transportation of goods will be allowed without any hinderance including loading and unloading at the warehouses.
 - e. All Government vehicles, and private vehicles carrying Government Office staffs will be allowed to commute on their office I-cards.
 - f. All essential service providers will be allowed to commute only from home to workplace.
- 7- All construction related activities will be allowed along with the functioning of construction related shops.
- 8- All agriculture related activities will be allowed along with the functioning of agriculture related shops.

- 9- All educational, training, research, coaching institution etc. shall remain closed. Online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- 10- All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregation will be permitted, without any exception.
- 11- All social/political/sports/entertainment/academic/cultural/religious functions/gathering and opening of parks shall be barred. Sports complexes and stadium will be permitted to open, however spectators will not be allowed. However public parks will be allowed to be opened for public in limited hours by local administration.
- 12- The National Directives for COVID-19 Management-Annexure 1 of Order no-40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dated-29.06.2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India shall be applicable
- 13- The above containment measures will remain in force for a period of 16 days with effect from 01.08.2020 (Saturday) till 16.08.2020 (Sunday).
- 14- The orders of MHA regarding containment zones will continue to be effective.
- 15- This order shall supersede all orders issued by concerned District Magistrates in their respective area of jurisdiction regarding the lockdown with respect to containment of COVID-19.
- 16- The District Magistrates can not dilute restriction imposed vide the aforesaid guidelines but, based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain activities in areas outside containment zones, or impose such restriction as deemed necessary.