



महाराष्ट्र शासन



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Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster Management,
Relief and Rehabilitation, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032
No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Date: 31st March, 2022

ORDER

Ref-

1. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
2. Letter from the Home Secretary to the Chief Secretary dated 22nd March, 2022, numbered D.O. No. 40-3/2020 - DM -I (A)
3. Letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, dated 23rd March, 2022, numbered D.O. No. Z.26015/1/202 - DM Cell

Whereas the State of Maharashtra has been reeling under COVID 19 pandemic over the last two years since March, 2020, and Disaster Management Act, 2005 has been invoked for effective measures be put in place to prevent the transmission of the virus across the State to safeguard the lives of the citizens of the State;

Whereas, in response to the said situation, the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority has promulgated various orders issuing guidelines as well as imposing certain restrictions for preventing the transmission of the COVID 19 virus in the State under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act, 2005;

Whereas, in the letter from the Home Secretary to the Chief Secretary dated 22nd March, 2022, numbered D.O. No. 40-3/2020 - DM -I (A), as referred to Ref- (2), it has been informed that the NDMA has taken a decision that there may not be any further need to invoke the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for COVID containment measures and States have been advised to consider appropriately discontinuing issue of orders and guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for COVID containment measures;

Whereas, in the Letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, dated 23rd March, 2022, numbered D.O. No. Z.26015/1/202 - DM Cell, it has been informed that in view of a sustained and significant

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decline in the number of COVID 19 cases over the last two months, a broad framework based on evidence based decision making on parameters of test positivity and bed occupancy has to be adopted and that the States need to take decisions on withdrawal of restrictions based on factors like emergence of new cases, case positivity, affected population, hospital infrastructure preparedness etc.;

Whereas, currently the cases in the State have effectively reduced and the number of positive cases per day have been reducing over the past few weeks, and positivity as well as bed occupancy parameters as suggested by Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are well within the limits mentioned in the above referred letter, for all the districts and administrative units in State of Maharashtra;

Whereas, due to the reduced number of cases, the load on the health infrastructure has reduced considerably and the currently situation with respect to COVID 19 response is relatively manageable;

Therefore, now in the wake of all of the above, following decisions are promulgated and conveyed to all:

1) All such orders that are currently in force for the imposition of restrictions related to COVID 19 that have been imposed under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 are hereby withdrawn and will no longer be in force from 0000 hrs of 1st April, 2022.

2) All District Disaster Management Authorities are also advised to withdraw all the restrictions imposed for the purposes of containment of Covid-19 pandemic under Disaster Management Act, 2005.

3) All the advisories contained in both the letters referred to above should be scrupulously followed by DDMA's and all officers concerned with management and containment of Covid.

4) All the citizens, establishments and organisations are advised to continue to follow the Covid Appropriate Behavior including wearing of masks, maintaining social distances etc. as the same is the biggest safeguard for health and safety of individuals as well as of society at large.

5) It is specifically directed that all the DDMA's shall remain vigilant about the various dimensions of outbreak of the pandemic like number of fresh cases every day, number of active cases, positivity rates as well as occupancies of various beds in medical institutions and hospitals. In case any trend is discerned that causes alarm or indicate resurgence, SDMA shall be immediately informed so that appropriate action may be initiated to control the resurgence at the very initial stage.

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All DDMA's and officials of the State Government are to continue to take all the steps needed, including IEC activities, for achieving vaccination of all the eligible citizens.


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C.E.O, State Executive Committee