CIRCULAR

In pursuance to the appeal made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on India, on 19/3/2020 regarding social distancing (Janata Curfew) all over the Country on Sunday, 22nd March 2020 from 07.00 am to 9.00 pm and subsequent to the instructions issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Goa in the meeting held on 21/3/2020, as a measure to combat the health emergency caused by COVID-19 an infectious disease caused by Corona virus, the Commissioner, CCP and all Chief Officers of Municipal Councils are hereby directed to immediately take the following steps:

a) Ensure that all trade Establishments, Markets, Street food vendors, Hawkers are not operating on 22/03/2020 from 07.00 am to 9.00 pm.

b) Sanitation services are provided by the Urban Local Bodies as per normal routine. ULBs are to ensure that sufficient protection measures like face mask, hand washing facilities etc. are provided to sanitation workers. Sanitation is an essential service and would have to be continually provided by the ULBs without disruption in the coming days.

c) Post 22/03/2020, the markets except weekly markets would remain open but all ULBs shall liaise with respective Government Healthcare Institutions to take necessary measures for sanitation and infection control in the markets. The ULBs are also directed to discuss with market associations to ensure and arrive at measures to avoid crowding.

d) It is desired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister that to pay gratitude to their selfless service to the nation during such trying circumstances, all citizens should acknowledge and salute the efforts of people who are in forefront of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic like medical staff, police, government servants, airline staff, media persons, bus/train/auto operators and those involved in providing home delivery, by standing in the balconies or at the doors of their houses and clap or ring bells for five minutes as a show of appreciation. Therefore, Urban Local
Bodies are advised to ring a siren at 5.00 pm on 22nd March for intimation of all citizens.

The above Set of Instructions shall be complied with and Action taken Report in this regard is to be submitted to this office by 5.00 pm on 23/3/2020.

Dr. Tariq Thomas, IAS
(Director, Urban Development)

1. To,
   The Commissioner,
   Corporation of City Of Panaji
   Panaji Goa.

2. To,
   The Chief Officer,
   ________________ Municipal Council,
   ________________ Goa.

Copy To,
1) OSD to Hon’ble Chief Minister, Ministers Block, Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa
2) OSD to Hon’ble Minister, Urban Development, Ministers Block, Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa
3) PA to Principal Secretary (Urban Development), Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa
4) PA to Secretary (Health), Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa
5) Collector (South), Matanhy Saldanha Admin. Complex, Collectorate, Margao – Goa
6) Collector (North), North Goa Collectorate, Panaji – Goa
7) Superintendent of Police (South) Margao – Goa
8) Superintendent of Police (North) Panaji – Goa
9) Director, Directorate of Health Services, Panaji – Goa
10) Director, Information & Technology Department, Altinho – Panaji – Goa