

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
PUDUCHERRY**

No. 538/DRDM/DM/PDDMA/2021

Dated: 18.05.2021

ORDER

Sub: DRDM – COVID-19 – Shifting of Vegetable shops from Big Market (Goubert Bazaar) – Revised Order – Reg.

Ref: i. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23.03.21 and 29.04.21 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
ii. Order No.104/PSEC/COVID/19/2021 dt 08.05.21 and 09.05.21 of the State Executive Committee, Puducherry.
iii. Order No.-538/DRDM/DM/PDDMA/2021 dt 15.05.2021 of the District Magistrate, Puducherry

Due to the resurgence of the 2nd wave of COVID-19 pandemic and the sudden surge in the number of COVID positive cases in the Puducherry region, it has become imperative for strict enforcement of Covid appropriate behavior from the public and maintaining of social distancing is one of the main preventive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus. This has prompted this Administration to take several preventive measures involving all line departments to enforce National Directives on Covid 19 management and regulating the movement of people and at the same time ensure supply of essential services / activities.

2. Whereas, it has been brought to the knowledge of the undersigned that in the Goubert Market (Big Market), J.N. Street, Puducherry, people congregate in large numbers for purchase of vegetables and fruits and thereby the social distancing is not being maintained both by the vendors and the people. Further the arrangements of shops within the Big Market are also not conducive to maintain social distancing etc.. Accordingly, order was issued for relocation of vegetable/fruits shops to other identified locations vide reference 3rd cited.

3. Whereas, the Big Market Traders Associations have represented and expressed difficulty in shifting of the shops to the identified locations. And, the concern expressed by the traders is found to be genuine.

4. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Disaster Management Act 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897 and in supersession of the order issued vide 3rd reference, the following revised measures are ordered for ensuring social distancing and safety measures for the movement of the people ensuring national directives for preventing the spread of Covid -19:

- i. The vegetable/fruit shops (Wholesale/Retail/Adikaasu vendors) functioning at the Big Market will be spread out to decongest the Big Market with effect from 19.05.2021, until further orders. From 19.05.2021 onwards, all the vegetable/fruit shops (Wholesale/Retail/Adikaasu vendors) will be spread out along the J.N.Street, M.G.Road and at Thattanchavady Market Committee ground.
- ii. The other permitted business activities shall function in the Big Market premises itself.

- iii. Police to ensure strict compliance of Covid appropriate behaviour and adequate social distancing. Traffic arrangements to be put in place. Police Deployment and Traffic Plan be submitted.
- iv. Traders Association, Municipality, Police Department would ensure sufficient social distancing etc., and smooth conduct of business.
- v. The Commissioner, Puducherry Municipality shall accordingly give suitable instructions to the Big Markets Traders Associations and vendors to ensure smooth shifting and functioning of the shops in the new locations.
- vi. The concerned Municipality to make necessary arrangements like barricading work, marking for social distancing, water, temporary electricity connection for charging weighing machines, sanitation, erection of temporary shed and other facilities for the vendors, in co-ordination with the connected departments.
- vii. The Municipal Commissioner of Puducherry shall make necessary arrangements for the allotment of shops in the aforesaid locations as per social distancing norms and with social distancing markings.
- viii. The Sub Divisional Magistrate will coordinate this activity.

5. Any violation of the above instructions is punishable under the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Act, 1897.

6. The authorities concerned shall comply with the above instruction from 19.05.2021


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(PURVA GARG, IAS)
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To

1. The Senior Superintendent of Police (Law & Order), Puducherry
2. The Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Puducherry
3. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, North
4. The Commissioner, Puducherry / Oulgaret Municipality

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary , Puducherry
2. The Additional Director General of Police, Puducherry
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