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**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
 ABSTRACT**

**Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19)- The Puducherry Municipalities (Prevention of Infection and Control of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Rules, 2020 - Notification - Order issued.**

*In compliance*

**LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT**

**G. O. Ms. No. 03/LAS/2020**

**Puducherry, dated 20/04/2020**

**ORDER:**

The following Notification shall be published in the Official Gazette of Government of Puducherry, immediately.

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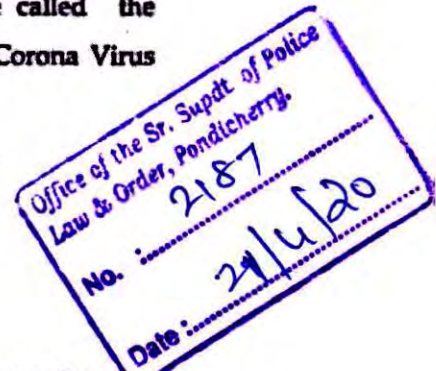
**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the Union territory of Puducherry has also been affected by the outbreak of a novel and very severe viral infectious disease namely, Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) which has spread almost all over the world including India and thus it has been categorized and declared as a Pandemic by the World Health Organization;

Now, therefore, considering the deadliest and disastrous effect of the aforesaid disease upon the lives of human beings and the extreme emergency situation requiring to take necessary precautionary and containment measures and in large public interest, the Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry in exercise of the powers conferred under section 440 of the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973 (No.9 of 1973) and all other powers enabling her, in this behalf makes the following rules, namely:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Puducherry Municipalities (Prevention of Infection and Control of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Rules, 2020 :-
  - (2) They shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.
  - (3) They shall come into force with immediate effect.
2. **Definitions.**- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-
  - (a) "Act" means the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973;
  - (b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Municipality appointed under section 14 of the Act;
  - (c) "COVID -19" means a disease caused by infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome Corona Virus 2 (SARS- CoV-2).

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3. Any person found violating the following containment measures shall be deemed to have breached the provision of these rules and the Commissioner or any other officer authorized by him shall have the right to implement the following containment measures in order to prevent the spread of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), namely:-

- (i) Spitting in any public place or road or street or lane or pavement or drain, etc. shall be prohibited.
- (ii) Spilling of phlegm or blood from the human throat or any fluid from the nose in any public place, or road or street or lane or pavement or drain, etc. shall be prohibited.
- (iii) Coughing or sneezing in any public place or work-place or place of business without using handkerchief or mask shall be prohibited.
- (iv) No person shall step out of his place of residence or work place or place of business without covering his nose and mouth by a mask or handkerchief.
- (v) Every person in any public place or work place or place of business shall cover his nose and mouth by a handkerchief or mask.
- (vi) No person shall throw any used handkerchief or mask or any article used by the person infected by the aforesaid disease upon any public place or road or street or lane or pavement or drain etc.
- (vii) Physical distancing at any public place or building or place of work or public market or bus stand or place of business atleast by 06 feet shall be maintained.

4. **Imposition of fine:-** Whoever contravenes any of the above mentioned containment measures shall be liable to pay fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

5. **Authority to impose fine:** The rank of Sanitary Maistry Gr.II and above officers in Municipalities, rank of Village Officers and above in Department of Revenue and Disaster Management and Head Constable and above officers in the Police Department to impose and collect the fine.

6. The fine collected will have to be deposited in the account prescribed by the Local Administration Department. The amount so collected will be finally passed on by Local Administration Department to the Local Bodies.

7. Any person violating these lockdown measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, and other legal provisions as applicable. In serious / deserving cases relating to the violations of the lockdown measures, however, the provision of imposing fine under these Rules will

not be resorted to. Therefore, it is clarified that wherever a person violating these lockdown measures has been proceeded against as per provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, and other legal provisions as applicable, the imposition of fine under these Rules shall not be resorted to.

8. These rules shall be in force until date on which a notification issued by the Government to the effect that the aforesaid disease has been completely eradicated in the Union territory of Puducherry.

**// BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR //**

  
(GIDDI BALARAM)

**UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (LA)**

**To**

The Director,  
Stationery and Printing,  
Puducherry.

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With a request to publish the above Notification in the Official Gazette, immediately and to supply 100 copies thereof to this Secretariat.

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1. The Director General of Police, Puducherry.
2. The Secretary, Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry.
3. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
4. The District Collector, Puducherry.
5. The District Collector, Karaikal.
6. The Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Puducherry
7. The Deputy Director (Municipal Administration), Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
8. The Deputy Director (Rural Department ), Local Administration Department, Puducherry
9. The Deputy Director (Local Administration), Karaikal.
10. The Regional Administrators, Mahe / Yanam
11. The Commissioners of all the Municipalities & Commune Panchayats (through the Designated Officer concerned).
12. The Central Record Branch, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.
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