

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GAD - Covid-19- containment activities of Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) lockdown under the DM Act and connected activities - functioning of war room in Government Secretariat - restructuring of War Room - orders issued

General Administration (Secret Section) Department

G.O (Ms) No.140/2020/GAD

Dated, Thriuvananthapuram, 10/08/2020

Read : 1. GO(Ms) No. 49/2020/GAD dated 23.03.2020

2. GO(Rt) No. 607/2020/DMD dated 13.07.2020

ORDER

As a part of various activities connected with the containment of Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the State, a War Room headed by Principal Secretary, GAD was set up in the South Conference Hall of Government Secretariat. Main task entrusted to the War Room was to facilitate the interstate movement of trucks carrying essential items during lock-down period. Later on, when the lock-down regulations were eased, facilitation of interstate movement of persons was also entrusted to the personnel posted in the War Room.

Now since the regulations under nationwide lock down have been eased, the duties entrusted to General Administration Department have come down significantly. At the same time, new challenges associated with the Health, D M, LSGD and Police Departments have emerged in the post lock-down scenario. Hence, it has become imperative to restructure the War room to cope up with the new challenges in the present scenario of the fight against the pandemic and the floods.

Considering the above, government are pleased to order that the War Room in the South Conference Hall of Government Secretariat will now function from 10 am to 5 pm daily (including holidays) under the Principal Secretary, Disaster Management Department with the required personnel from Health, Home, DMD, Revenue, Local Self Government and other departments on rotation.

All phone calls received between 5 pm and 10 am shall be diverted to Kerala State Disaster Management Authority SEOC number 0471-2364424.

The duties entrusted to the War Room will be as follows:

1. Take actions to increase the daily COVID-19 testing rates so as to attain the target of 50,000 tests per day from the present numbers
2. Providing Health HR, mobilizing COVID brigade to CFLTCs/COVID hospitals.
3. Making sufficient medical equipment, test kits PPE etc. available
4. Ensuring adequate treatment facilities
5. Setting up of 24x7 helpline centres in all the districts to guide people who are in need of medical help in case of rise of COVID cases
6. Involving the private sector also in the COVID testing.

7. Decentralization of COVID tests at District/ Panchayath level
8. Monitoring of flood situation in the State

The newly constituted War Room shall use the infrastructure available in the South Conference Hall. Each Department's head shall issue separate instructions to their personnel for functioning in the War Room as per the requirements. One of the IAS officers appointed vide order read second above shall be present in the War Room daily on rotation basis. Head of War Room shall brief the ACS (Home) and Chief Secretary on daily basis about the improvement made in each aspect mentioned above.

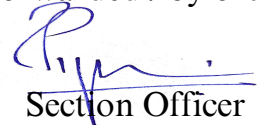
(By Order of the Governor)

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