

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA <u>Abstract</u>

GAD- Covid-19- Containment activities of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19)- SOPs for reopening of various sectors after Lock Down- SOP for opening of places of worship-Clarification issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SECRET SECTION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt.) No.2066/2020/GAD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24.06.2020.

Read: 1. Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30.05.2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

- 2. G.O.(Ms) No.106/2020/GAD dated 01.06.2020
- 3. SOPs dated 04.06.2020 of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- 4. G.O.(Rt.)No.1762/2020/GAD dated 05.06.2020.
- 5. Minutes of the High level meeting called by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 05.06.2020.

ORDER

Government as per order read as paper 4 above has issued SOP for opening of various sectors in relaxation of the existing lock down orders. Additional restrictions in the State for opening the places of worship have been given as annexure to the above Government Order. Government are now pleased to order that, the advice given therein that '15 persons per 100 square ft. can be taken as parameter' for deciding the number of persons at a time allowable in a place of worship, may be corrected and read as '15 persons per 100 square meter can be taken as a parameter'.

[2] Along with that it is clarified that the regulation of maximum 100 persons at a time, which has been stipulated in the SOP, is for each prayer/namaz/pooja in that place of worship and not for different phases of same prayer/namaz/pooja. Since proper sanitization has to be undertaken after each congregation for prayer/namaz/pooja, it shall not be construed in a way that the participants are replaced within the same prayer period so as to facilitate more devotees to take part in the same prayer/namaz/pooja.

[3] The District Collectors, District Police Chiefs and other Heads of Departments shall take necessary action accordingly.

(By order of the Governor)

DR. VISHWAS MEHTA
CHIEF SECRETARY

State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram
All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries
All District Collectors
All District Police Chiefs
All Heads of Departments
Private Secretary to Chief Minister
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