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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE-CUM-DISTRICT COLLECTOR

No. 1703/DRDM/DM/D2//2020/77.

Puducherry, dated 10th August 2020.

ORDER

Whereas, Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 29th July 2020 was issued by the Union Home Secretary and Chairman, National Executive Committee, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to take various steps to prevent the spread of Covid-19 disease in the Country;

And whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 18(2) (d) of Disaster Management Act, 2005, State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 disease during festivals;

Therefore, in order to contain the spread of Covid-19, I, Dr. Arun, T., I.A.S., District Magistrate-*cum*-District Collector, Puducherry, by exercising the powers conferred on me under the provisions of section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby directs the following;

(a) No Idols are allowed to be placed in public places on account of celebration of Vinayagar Chaturthi.

(b) Idols shall not be placed newly at any place attracting public view/ gathering.

(c) No public procession involving, gathering of people, for this purpose is allowed.

(d) Religious congregation/assembly on the grounds of Vinayagar Chaturthi celebration is strictly prohibited.

(e) No new Idols are allowed to be setup within the Temple premises for the purpose of celebration. The Commissioner, Hindu Religious Institutions, Puducherry, shall form Teams to supervise the adherence to guidelines in this regard.

(f) Erection of shamiyanas and housing of Idols in front of both public and private Temples are prohibited. The Commissioner, Hindu Religious Institutions, Puducherry, shall form Teams to supervise the adherence to guidelines in this regard.

(g) Distribution of prasadams in Temples is strictly prohibited owing to the risk of spread of Covid-19 infection.

(h) No cultural events and special programs are allowed to be conducted as part of Vinayagar Chaturthi celebrations. No NOC is to be issued by the Public Works Department, Municipalities, Police and Subdivisional Magistrates to the hosting of any such public events.

> Dr. ARUN, T., I.A.S., District Magistrate.

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