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IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT PUDUCHERRY

Present : Dr. ARUN, T., I.A.S.,
District Magistrate, Puducherry.

ORDER

(Under Section 144 of Cr.P.C.)

Whereas, Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease which typically spreads from one person to another *via* respiratory droplets or from touching contaminated surfaces and then touching one's face;

Whereas, the disease has already been declared as a Disaster under the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005. It also attracts the provision of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and rules framed thereunder;

Whereas, the infections are spreading and new cases are being reported in various parts of the country on daily basis;

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, *vide* Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 01-05-2020 has extended the lockdown measure until 31-05-2020 to strictly implement social distancing measures for a further period to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, it is essential to enforce social distancing by imposing further restriction in order to contain the COVID-19;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Arun, T., I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry, in exercise of the powers conferred up on me under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, do hereby prohibit the assembly of five or more persons in public streets or thoroughfares or in public places with effect from 18-05-2020 till midnight of 31-05-2020.

The emergent nature of case and circumstances do not permit serving of notice to the concerned in due time and hence, this Order is passed *ex parte* under section 144 (2) of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.

This Order shall not apply to agencies/officials of the Government involved in the enforcement of Law and Order, duty relating to containment of Corona Virus and the maintenance of essential services.

At Puducherry, dated 18th day of May 2020.

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