Subject: - Protocol for 100% COVID-19 antigen testing of all incoming passengers by Air/Rail/Road and Quarantine Procedures to be followed - regarding

Government Order No. 71-JK (DMRRR) of 2020.
Dated: 30.07.2020

1. Whereas, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has issued instructions for mandatory, 100% COVID-19 antigen testing through RTPCR or other tests of all incoming passengers/travelers by Air/Rail/Road into the UT of Jammu & Kashmir in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

2. Whereas, the existing instructions of the Government of J&K on the subject mandate 100% Administrative / Institutional Quarantine or Paid Quarantine for 14 days, of all incoming passengers by Air / Rail/ Road or till their COVID-19 antigen test results are reported negative, in which case they are released for Home Quarantine, or if positive, in which case they are sent to a COVID hospital for recovery and treatment; and

3. Whereas, keeping in view the minimal positivity rate among Rail and Air travelers, a need has been felt to review the extant practice of Administrative Quarantine for all Rail and Air travelers.

4. Therefore, the State Executive Committee, in exercise of powers conferred upon it under Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby issues the following instructions in supersession of all previous orders/ instructions/ protocols on the said subject:-

   a) All passengers arriving by Air, Rail or Road into the UT of J&K shall be 100% tested for the COVID 19 antigen using the RTPCR or Rapid Antigen test or any other prescribed method.

b) All Air and Rail passengers who <u>have a valid contactable mobile number with the Aarogya Setu application downloaded</u> on their phones shall be sent for Home Quarantine for 14 days or till their test results are reported negative, after their sampling is done as per the protocol in use.

c) In case of Air or Rail passengers <u>without</u> a valid contactable phone number with the Aarogya Setu app downloaded on their phones, they will be sent to Administrative/Institutional Quarantine or Paid Quarantine for 14 days or till their test results are reported negative, in which case they are released for Home Quarantine.

d) In the event of any such Air or Rail passengers testing positive, the protocol with regard to COVID-19 positive patients will be followed.

e) The existing practice of 100% Institutional/Administrative/Paid Quarantine for 14 days of all passengers till the test results are received shall, however, continue in case of Road travelers who arrive in a regulated manner at Lakhanpur.

f) The testing and quarantine procedures prescribed at sub-paras (a) to (d) above will be applicable to <u>all air travelers</u> from a <u>Red district to an Orange/Green district, within UT of J&K.</u>

g) The <u>categories of passengers listed below</u>, arriving by any means other than rail / air from outside the UT into the UT of Jammu & Kashmir will be <u>sampled on arrival</u> for COVID-19 RTPCR or Rapid Antigen testing or other approved methods and <u>sent to Home Quarantine for 14 days</u>; and, if their test result is positive, will be treated as per the existing protocol for COVID-19 positive patients.

    i.   Pregnant women in the last trimester, with a doctor's certificate of pregnancy,

    ii.   Cancer patients on chemotherapy'

    iii.   Chronically ill/organ transplant/IVF patients discharged from a hospital after a surgical procedure'

iv. Dialysis patients with a doctor's certificate of being on dialysis,

v. Mothers with infants below 1 year,

vi. Children below 10 years travelling alone without a family member,

vii. Government of India personnel on bona fide government duty,

viii. Passengers/travelers with an RTPCR TEST Negative Certificate from an ICMR approved laboratory/testing facility, not older than 2 days (48 hours) before the arrival date,

ix. Business travelers by air/rail to J&K on business/industrial visits, with a confirmed return air/rail ticket booking within 4 days, confirmed hotel reservation and a business i.d. and;

x. Business travelers by road to J&K on business/industrial visits, with an undertaking to return within 4 days, a confirmed hotel reservation and a business i.d.

xi. Ambulance drivers of J&K dropping patients outside the UT, on their return, if they return within 36 hours.

h) Business travelers to J&K on business/industrial visits, with a confirmed return air ticket booking, confirmed hotel reservation and a business i.d. will proceed to their hotel from the airport and restrict their interactions to the business purpose for which they have come. They will however be sampled on arrival for the COVID-19 antigen and, if their test result is positive, will be treated as per the existing protocol for COVID-19 positive patients. They shall also be required to maintain complete details of the persons whom they came in contact with during their stay in J&K.

i) The personnel of Defense and Central Armed Police Forces returning to duty, including transit labour hired by BRO to go to Ladakh, are exempted from compulsory 100% COVID-19 antigen

testing and administrative/institutional quarantine in any facility authorized by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. The said personnel shall be allowed to proceed to the institutional quarantine of their respective Units/Formations for necessary quarantine as per their internal procedures.

5. Any violation of these instructions will attract penalties under the Disaster Management Act-2005 and other provisions of Law.

(Member-Secretary) 30.7.20
State Executive Committee

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