

No. F.2/07/2020/S.l/part file/ 17 6

Dated: 1 8 .05.2020

ORDER

Whereas, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) is satisfied that the NCT of Delhi is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and has considered it necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread in NCT of Delhi;

And whereas, Delhi Disaster Management Authority has issued various orders/instructions from time to time to all authorities concerned to take all required measures to appropriately deal with the situation;

And whereas, Delhi Disaster Management Authority has issued Order No. 130 dated 03,05,2020 with regard to extension of lockdown till the midnight of 17.05,2020, in pursuance of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 1st May 2020 and which was further reiterated and clarified vide order No. 150 dated 08,05,2020;

And whereas, save as otherwise provided in the guidelines annexed to this order, DDMA order no. F/02/07/2020/S.I (Order No. 121) dated 25.03.2020, order no. F.DDMA/COVID/2020/47 dated 14.04.2020 and order no. F.02/07/2020/S.I/130 dated 03.05.2020 read with order no. 150 dated 08.05.2020 shall cease to have effect from 18.05.2020.

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide Order No. No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 17.05.2020 has extended the lockdown for a period upto 31.05.2020 and has issued new guidelines on lockdown measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, along with Annexures I, II & III, for strict implementation, which will come into effect from 18.05.2020;

And whereas the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India had classified all 11 Districts of Delhi in Red Zone, vide its order no. Z.28015/19/2020-EMR dated 30.04.2020, and therefore, it has been considered appropriate to impose certain additional restrictions with respect to the activities permitted by MHA vide the aforesaid order dated 17.05.2020.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 22 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, DDMA, GNCTD, hereby directs as under:

- a) The lockdown period in the territory of NCT of Delhi is extended upto 31.05.2020.
- b) The permissible and prohibited activities in the NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 18.05.2020 shall be as specified in the Annexure-A enclosed with this order.
- c) In the Containment Zones, action should be taken strictly as per clause-4 of Annexed guidelines in letter and spirit by all authorities concerned. The guidelines issued in this regard by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India will be strictly implemented.

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d) All District Magistrates of Delhi and their counterpart District Deputy Commissioners of Police shall ensure the strict enforcement of these instructions and shall also adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries about these instructions for strict compliance, in letter and spirit.

All the departments of GNCT of Delhi / Autonomous bodies/ PSUs / Corporations / Local Bodies / Delhi Police shall ensure strict compliance of this order as well as MHA Order dated 17.05.2020 along with annexed guidelines and Annexures I, II & III.

(Vijay Dev) Chief Secretary, Delhi

Copy for compliance to:

- All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/HODs of Government of NCT of Delhi.
- 2. Commissioner of Police, Delhi
- 3. Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council.
- 4. Commissioner (South DMC/East DMC/North DMC).
- 5. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board.
- 6. All District Magistrates of Delhi
- 7. All District DCPs of Delhi
- 8. Director (DIP) for wide publicity in NCT of Delhi

Copy for kind information to:-

- Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.
- 2. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD
- 3 Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, GNCTD.
- Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD.
- Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD.
- Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Labour, GNCTD.
- Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare, GNCTD.
- 8. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Food & Supply, GNCTD.
- 9. Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Delhi
- 10. Pr. Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD.
- 11. All members of State Executive Committee, DDMA, GNCTD.
- 12 System Analyst, O/o Divisional Commissioner, Delhi for uploading of the order on website ddma.delhigovt nic.in
- 13. Guard file.

The following activities will continue to remain prohibited throughout the NCT of Delhi:

- (i) Metro Rall Services
- (ii) All schools, colleges, educational / training / coaching institutions etc. will remain closed. Online / distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- (iii) Hotels and other Hospitality services, except those meant for housing health / police / Government officials / healthcare workers / stranded persons including tourists and those used for quarantine facilities; and running of canteens at bus depots, railway stations and airports.
- (iv) All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
- (v) All social / political / sports / entertainment / academic / cultural /religious functions / other gatherings and large congregations.
- (vi) All religious places/places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
- (vii) Barber shops, spas and salons

Measures for well-being and safety of persons:

- (i) The movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 7.00 p.m. to 7.00 a.m., except for essential activities.
- (ii) Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.
- The following activities are permitted with restrictions as specified. No permission is required from any authority for undertaking the following permitted activities:
 - Restaurants shall be permitted to operate kitchens for home delivery of food items.
 - (ii) Sports complexes and stadia will be permitted to open, however, spectators will not be allowed.
 - (iii) The transportation of passengers, other than by buses, shall be regulated as follows:

	Mode of Transport	Maximum Passengers allowed
a	Auto rickshaws/ e-rickshaws/cycle-rickshaws	01
b	Taxis / Cabs (including cab aggregators)/ School Cabs	02
C	Grahmin Sewa/ Phat Phat Sewa/ Eco Friendly Sewa	02
d	Maxi Cab	05
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Car-pooling/ car-sharing by the aggregators shall not be permitted.

After disembarkment of every passenger the driver shall disinfect the passenger sitting area.

(iv) Transportation by buses: Intra-State (within NCT of Delhi) movement of buses (DTC as well as Cluster) shall be permitted with the condition that not more than 20 passengers shall be allowed at one time inside the bus. In the case of buses, boarding shall be allowed only from the rear door while de-boarding shall be allowed only from the front door. Before entering into the bus, each passenger shall be screened through thermal gun on 'best effort' basis. The Transport Department shall deploy adequate number of bus marshals inside each bus at all times for maintaining social distancing inside the bus and restricting the number of passengers to 20.

Social distancing shall be ensured by Transport Department at all bus stands / depots by deploying adequate number of marshals.

- (v) Movement of individuals and vehicles is allowed. Four wheeler vehicles will have maximum two passengers besides the vehicle driver. For two wheelers, pillion rider is not allowed.
- (vi) All Private Offices as well as Government Offices shall be permitted to function in full strength. However, for private offices, as far as possible the practice of work from home should be followed.

(vii) SHOPS AND MARKETS:

- (a) All markets and market complexes shall remain open on odd-even basis viz. Shops would open on alternate days depending on their shop number. This implies that only 50% of the shops (excluding those selling essential goods) shall be opened. However, shops selling essential goods including books and stationery shops, fan shops in markets and market complexes, are permitted to open on all days. Market associations & DDMA (District-level) and Deputy Labour Commissioner would be responsible to ensure this stipulation.
 - (b) All stand alone (single) shops, neighbourhood (colony) shops and shops in residential complexes are permitted to remain open without any distinction of essential and non-essential.
 - (c) Social distancing (2 Gaz ki doori) will be maintained in all cases. If social distancing is not maintained by any shop, then the said shop shall be liable to be closed in view of public health hazard involved in containing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and the shopkeeper shall also be liable for prosecution under the relevant laws.

(viii) In order to ensure staggering of work / business hours, industrial establishments shall be permitted to function in staggered business hours. Industrial Firms whose registered name starts with M/s A to M/s L may function from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, whereas firms whose registered name starts with M/s M to M/s Z may function from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm.

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- (ix) Construction activities shall be permitted wherever the workers are symmics on site or could be transported to the site from within the NCT of Delhi.
- (x) Marriage related gathering subject to social distancing (maximum 50 guests allowed)
- (xi) Funeral / last rites related gathering subject to social distancing (maximum 20 persons allowed.
- (xii) RWAs shall not prevent any person from performing their services and duties which has been permitted under these guidelines.

No passes / e-passes for movement for any permitted activities from any authority shall be required.

4. Containment Zones

- a) In the Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be taken into consideration for the above purpose.
- b) In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions as required.
- All other activities will be permitted (industrial / commercial), except those which are specifically prohibited.

However, in Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed, as mentioned in para 4(a) above.

- 6. Special directions to ensure movement of persons and goods in certain cases
 - (i) Inter-State and Intra-State movement of medical professionals, nurses and para-medical staff, sanitation personnel and ambulances shall be allowed, without any restriction.
 - (ii) Inter-State movement of all types of goods / cargo including empty trucks shall be allowed.
 - (iii) Movement of any type of goods / cargo for cross land border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries shall not be stopped by the authorities of NCT of Delhi.
 - National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure-II, shall be followed throughout the NCT of Delhi.
 - 8. Use of Aarogya Setu

(i) Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.

With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best efforts basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.

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(iii) District authorities may advise individuals to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

9 Penal provisions

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at Annexure-III. Further, action for violation to adhere to stipulation at point 3 (vii) (a) shall lie under the Shops & Establishments Act, and other relevant laws.

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No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001 Dated 17th May, 2020

Union Home Secretary

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ORDER

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in exercise of their powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, vide their Orders dated 24.03.2020, 14.04.2020 and 01.05.2020 had directed the National Executive Committee (NEC) to take lockdown measures so as to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

Whereas, Chairperson NEC, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, has issued Orders of even number on lockdown measures dated 24.03.2020, 29.03.2020, 14.04.2020, 15.04.2020 and 01.05.2020;

Whereas, save as otherwise provided in the guidelines annexed to this Order, all Orders issued by NEC under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, shall cease to have effect from 18.05.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, NDMA has issued an Order number 1-29/2020 - PP dated 17.05.2020 directing the Chairperson, NEC that lockdown measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 be continued to be implemented in all parts of the Country, for a further period upto 31.05.2020;

Now therefore, under directions of the aforesaid Order of NDMA dated 17.05.2020, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, NEC, hereby issues directions for strict implementation, to all the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities that lockdown measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 will continue for a period of upto 31.05.2020, as per the guidelines annexed to this Order, which will come into effect from 18.05.2020.

To:

- 1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
- 2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories (As per list attached)

- i. All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/ UT Governments and State/ UT Authorities for containment of COVID-19 in the country upto 31stMay, 2020.

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 17th May, 2020]

- Lockdown shall continue to remain in force upto 31st May, 2020.
- 2. The following activities shall continue to remain prohibited throughout the country:
 - All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for domestic medical services, domestic air ambulance and for security purposes or purposes as permitted by MHA.
 - ii. Metro rail services.
 - iii. Schools, colleges, educational/ training/ coaching institutions etc. will remain closed. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
 - iv. Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services, except those meant for housing health/ police/ Government officials/ healthcare workers/ stranded persons including tourists and for quarantine facilities; and running of canteens at bus depots, railway stations and airports. Restaurants shall be permitted to operate kitchens for home delivery of food items.
 - v. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places. Sports complexes and stadia will be permitted to open; however, spectators will not be allowed.
 - vi. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings and large congregations.
 - vii. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
 - The following activities shall be permitted with restrictions, except in the Containment Zones:
 - i. Inter-State movement of passenger vehicles and buses, with mutual consent of the State(s)/ UT(s) involved.
 - ii. Intra-State movement of passenger vehicles and buses, as decided by the States and UTs.
 - iii. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for movement of persons, as mentioned in **Annexure I**, shall continue to operate.
 - 4. National Directives for COVID-19 Management

National Directives for COVID 19 Management, as specified in Annexure II, shall be followed throughout the country.

- 5. Containment, Buffer, Red, Green and Orange Zones
 - i. The delineation of Red, Green and Orange Zones will be decided by the respective State and UT Governments, after taking into consideration the parameters shared by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (Gol).

- ii. Within the Red and Orange Zones, Containment Zones and Buffer Zones will be demarcated by the District authorities, after taking into consideration the guidelines of MoHFW.
- iii. In the Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be taken into consideration for the above purpose.
 - iv. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required.

6. Night curfew

The movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 7.00 pm to 7.00 am, except for essential activities. Local authorities shall issue orders, in the entire area of their jurisdiction, under appropriate provisions of law, such as prohibitory orders [Curfew] under Section 144 of CrPC, and ensure strict compliance.

7. Protection of vulnerable persons

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

8. All other activities will be permitted, except those which are specifically prohibited.

However, in Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed, as mentioned in para 5(iii) above.

Further, States/ UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain other activities in the various zones, or impose such restrictions as deemed necessary.

9. Use of Aarogya Setu

- Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- ii. With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
- iii. District authorities may advise individuals to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.
- 10. Special directions to ensure movement of persons and goods in certain cases
 - All States/ UTs shall allow inter-State and intra-State movement of medical professionals, nurses and para medical staff, sanitation personnel and ambulances, without any restriction.
 - All States/ UTs shall allow inter-State movement of all types of goods/ cargo, including empty trucks.

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iii. No State/ UT shall stop the movement of any type of goods/ cargo for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries.

11. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

- i. State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.
- ii. All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.
- iii. In order to implement these measures, the District Magistrates will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions.

12. Penal provisions

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at Annexure III.

Union Home Secretary

Annexure I

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by MHA

- SOP on transit arrangement for foreign national(s) in India issued vide Order dated April 02, 2020.
- SOP on movement of stranded labour within States/ UTs, issued vide Order dated April 19, 2020.
- SOP on sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers, issued vide Order dated April 21, 2020.
- iv. SOP on movement of stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, issued vide Order dated April 29, 2020 and Order dated May 01, 2020.
 - v. SOP on movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad, issued vide Order dated May 5, 2020.
- vi. SOP on movement of persons by train, issued vide Order dated May 11, 2020.

National Directives for COVID 19 Management

- i. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public and work places.
- ii. Spitting in public & work places shall be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations by the State/ UT local authority.
- iii. Social distancing shall be followed by all persons in public places and in transport.
- iv. Marriage related gathering shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum number of guests allowed shall not be more than 50.
 - v. Funeral/ last rites related gathering shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum numbers allowed shall not be more than 20.
- vi. Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco etc. in public places is not allowed.
- vii. Shops will ensure minimum six feet distance (2 gaz ki doori) among customers and shall not allow more than 5 persons at the shop.
 Additional directives for Work Places
- viii. As far as possible, the practice of work from home should be followed.
 - ix. Staggering of work/ business hours shall be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
 - X. Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
 - xi. Frequent sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., shall be ensured, including between shifts.
 - xii. All persons in charge of work places shall ensure social distancing through adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.

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Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

- 51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause
 - (a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
 - (b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

- 52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.
 - 53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.— Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.
 - 54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.
 - 55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
 - (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

- 56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine. order regarding
 - of any Penalty for contravention requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.
 - 58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

- (a) "company" means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
- (b) "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.
- 59. Previous sanction for prosecution.—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.
 - 60. Cognizance of offences.-No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by
 - the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority (a) or Government, as the case may be; or
 - any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to (b) make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid

Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or trends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.