ORDER

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued detailed directions for mitigating hardship to the general public during the national lockdown period from 15.04.2020 to 03.05.2020 vide letters No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 and 16.04.2020 and subsequent amendment through order dated 24.04.2020 (referred to as “MHA Guidelines” hereinafter);

Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under Section 144 of the Criminal procedure Code, 1973 and in modification of order No.CBA-DA2(31)/2020-5368-77 dated 22.04.2020, and its subsequent amendments. I, Vivek Bhatia District Magistrate, Chamba, do hereby order the following:

1. Essential commodities shops as notified by this office from time to time shall continue to remain open throughout the area of District Chamba.

2. Shops relating to services provided by self-employed persons like electricians, plumbers, motor mechanics, IT & mobile repair (including recharge facilities for prepaid mobile connection), carpenters, stationery shops may remain open on all days subject to curfew relaxations.

3. All shops, including shops in residential complexes and market complexes, except shops in multi-brand and single brand malls, outside the limits of municipal corporations, municipalities and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) i.e. in rural areas, with 50% strength of workers with wearing of masks and social distancing being mandatory shall be allowed to open during curfew relaxation hours subject to strict observance by surveillance units.

4. Barber shops, beauty parlours, liquor shops, restaurants, public eating places and community gathering places shall remain closed unless specifically permitted under any order of this office.
5. The permissible establishments may open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and general public may move from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for accessing the services of permissible establishments, subject to the following conditions:

i. Wearing of masks shall be compulsory.

ii. Only one person of a family shall go out for this purpose and movement shall strictly be from house/ place of stay to the point of delivery of item/ service and back.

iii. All such movement shall be on foot to the nearest shop/store/bank branch/ establishment. In case using vehicle is unavoidable, the norms of seating will be strictly adhered to.

6. All shopkeepers shall make markings on the ground inside the shop/store and in the waiting area outside shop at a distance of 1.5 meters to 2 meters for customers to stand & wait and enforce social distancing among customers. Shopkeepers shall ensure that all customers wear face masks and keep facility of hand wash at their shops. Regular sanitisation shall also be ensured of the shops kept open. **Any shop where violation of social distancing norms/service to customers without face covers/masks is found shall be immediately sealed by the police.**

7. Movement of public on foot for morning walks within their localities shall be permissible between 05:30 AM to 07:00 AM, subject to the condition that wearing of masks shall be compulsory at all times.

This order shall come into effect on 27th April, 2020 and shall remain in force till further orders. Any violation of these orders shall be viewed seriously and make the concerned liable for punishment under relevant provisions of law.

Given under my hand and seal on 26th day of April, 2020.

(Vivek Bhatia, IAS)
District Magistrate,
Chamba, District Chamba HP.
Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla for information please.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (Health)/(Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla for information please.
3. The Divisional Commissioner, Kangra at Dharamshala for information please.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Chamba for information and further necessary action.
5. All the Sub-Divisional Magistrates in Chamba District for information and strict compliance. They shall ensure that social distancing norms are followed strictly in the market areas falling in their jurisdiction.
6. The Chief Medical Officer, Chamba for information.
7. The DTDO Chamba for information and necessary action.
8. The District Revenue Officer Chamba for information and necessary action.
9. The Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner Chamba for information and necessary action.
10. The Project Officer, DRDA Chamba for information and necessary action.
11. The District Labour Officer for information and necessary action.
12. All the Executive Magistrate in District Chamba for information and strict compliance. They shall ensure that social distancing norms are followed strictly in the market areas falling in their jurisdiction.
13. The DPRO Chamba for wide publicity.

District Magistrate, Chamba, District Chamba.