GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ORDER

Whereas WHO has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as pandemic, there are more than 17000 persons under the surveillance in Haryana. Therefore, it is imperative to adopt strict measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, which is playing havoc in many countries across the world. The main driver of transmission of COVID-19 is through droplets but it is imperative to follow standard infection prevention control practices while handling dead bodies of COVID.

Whereas the Government of Haryana, in exercise of powers conferred under section 2, 3 and 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, has framed the Haryana COVID-19 Regulation, 2020 for prevention and containment of Corona virus disease, 2019.

Therefore, under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and regulation made thereof, the Government of Haryana hereby authorizes all Commissioners of Municipal Corporations, all Executive Officers of Municipal Councils and all Secretaries of Municipal Committees to dispose of dead bodies of COVID strictly as per the guidelines/protocol on dead body management issued by Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

The standard infection prevention control practices shall be followed which includes Hand Hygiene, use of personal protective equipment (e.g., water resistant apron, gloves, masks, eyewear), safe handling of sharps, Disinfect bag housing dead body; instruments and devices used on the patient and disinfect linen, Clean and disinfect environmental surfaces. All staff identified to handle dead bodies in the isolation area, mortuary, ambulance and those workers in the crematorium/burial ground should be trained in the infection prevention control practices.
Any person/institution/organization found violating any provision of order shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

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A copy along with the guidelines on dead body management issued by Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Haryana.
2. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of Haryana.
3. All the Heads of the Departments in the state of Haryana.
4. All the Managing Directors/ Chief Administrators of Boards/ Corporations in the State of Haryana.
5. The Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
6. The Registrars of all the Universities in the State of Haryana.
7. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
8. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
9. All the Commissioners of Police in the State of Haryana.
10. All the Superintendents of Police in the State of Haryana.
11. All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations in the State of Haryana.
12. All Executive Officers of Municipal Councils in the State of Haryana.
13. All Secretaries of Municipal Committees in the State of Haryana.
14. All Civil Surgeons in the State of Haryana.

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