GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 3654/General/2020

Sub: MA&UD Department - COVID-19 - Permissible activities during the Lockdown

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Affairs, Govt of India, New Delhi

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The Government of Telangana has extended the Lockdown in the State till 29th May 2020. The Govt while granting some concessions on movement of people during the lockdown period for certain essential necessities as well as for resuming certain class of economic activities have made it clear that the guidelines issued by the Govt of India vide reference first cited needs to be adhered to in strict sense. Accordingly, reduction on movement of people remains in force and the people are supposed to maintain lockdown protocols like wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, using sanitisers, etc., whenever they venture out of their homes for procurement of essentials or on permitted economic activities. All other activities should not be resorted to especially in red zone category districts.

- 2. A number of RWAs and apartment owners as well as gated communities have sought clarification whether outsiders including delivery staff, domestic help including maids and house help can be permitted during this Lockdown period.
- 3. It is clarified that Lockdown is still in force. Further, Hyderabad District along with neighbouring Districts including Ranga Reddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri continue to be in Red Zone. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) prescribes strict protocol and 'Do's & Don'ts' to be followed during the Lockdown period especially in Red Zone areas, which, inter-alia includes minimizing one's interaction with outsiders on regular basis. A number of localities and areas in GHMC as well as Hyderabad, Rangareddy & Medchal-Malkajgiri Districts are / were declared as Containment Zones which implies minimum movements, not only within the zone but also in the buffer zones and to continue with such precautions even after the mandatory 28 days period.
- 4. In these circumstances, travelling on a daily / regular basis by these household help including maids, domestic help and other such similar categories not only exposes them to increased risk of contact and exposure due to travel and interaction, it also, in the process exposes the employer of such domestic helps and those around such as security men etc., on a daily basis. There have been cases of people contacting the virus through such interaction and movement of domestic help which inturn puts both sides at great risk and exposure especially during lockdown and especially in Red Zone districts.
- 5. It is therefore clarified that resumption of domestic help services including maids at this point of time when Lockdown is still in vogue and the fact that Hyderabad, Rangareddy & Medchal-Malkajgiri Districts are in Red Zone category, is not advisable until the Lockdown is lifted or till such time Red Zone categorization is converted into orange / green zone.
- 6. If at all, there are any pressing needs in a particular case, a clear written "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) should be obtained from the concerned Zonal Officer (within GHMC) or the concerned Municipal Commissioner in ULBs outside GHMC & those located in Rangareddy & Medchal-Malkajgiri Districts.
- 7. RWA and Apartment Owners / residents are strongly advised to exercise restraint to the extent possible accordingly.

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