ORDER

WHEREAS, the Government Odisha, vide Revenue & DM (Disaster Management) Department Notification No.1706/R&DM(DM) dated 13th March 2020, has declared COVID-19 as a 'Disaster' under section 2(d) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for the State of Odisha;

AND WHEREAS, after lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 is over, it is expected that a large number of people, such as students, professionals, stranded pilgrims, patients and workers are likely to return to Odisha and go to their homes spread over different Gram Panchayats;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to handle the influx of large number of migrant people from outside the State to prevent spread of COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS, as per section 22 (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the State Executive Committee constituted under the said Act is empowered to give directions to any Department of the Government of the State or any other authority or body in the State regarding actions to be taken in response to any threatening disaster situation or disaster;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under the said provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the State Government do hereby give the following directions to the Sarpanch(s) of all Gram Panchayats in the State to effectively deal with the situation, namely :

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1. Every Gram Panchayat will have a Registration Facility to facilitate return of the people. Family members or relatives of such people, who intend to return to the State, will register with the facility at the concerned Gram Panchayat or Urban Local Body.

2. The Sarpanch(s) of all Gram Panchayats shall put necessary arrangement to check and ensure that any person arriving in their respective jurisdictions from outside the State has been registered.

3. Every person on return from outside Odisha shall have to compulsorily stay in the Panchayat level Quarantine Facility for 14 days observing the guidelines issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department.

4. The Gram Panchayat shall make necessary provisions of temporary accommodation, food, water and sanitation for the quarantined persons at the identified quarantine centres during the quarantine period.

5. Health checkup of the quarantined persons including screening for COVID-19 and testing of the suspected/random cases shall be conducted in coordination with the health officials. In case any person is tested COVID-19 positive, he/she will be immediately shifted to the designated hospital for treatment.

6. In case, any person(s) is/are tested positive in the jurisdiction of the Gram Panchayat, necessary steps shall be taken by the Gram Panchayat for sanitization of the appropriate area as advised by the health authorities.

7. The Sarpanch(s) of all Gram Panchayats are authorized to administer gratuitous relief as per the direction of the Government under the overall supervision of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA).

8. Persons registering with Gram Panchayat, staying in the quarantine centre observing all quarantine guidelines and successfully completing the quarantine period will be considered to be given an incentive of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand).

9. Anyone found violating the instructions of the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat regarding quarantine protocols and guidelines shall be penalised.
under the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 read with the Odisha COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 and provisions of any other relevant Act.

10. The Sarpanch(s) of all Gram Panchayats are hereby authorized under sections 59 and 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to file complaint/prosecution before the appropriate forum against the violators.

By order of the Governor

Chief Secretary, Odisha

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Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Private Secretary to all Ministers/ Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner/ Agriculture Production Commissioner for kind information.

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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

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