ORDER

WHEREAS, different categories of Government officials in various departments are getting exposed to the threat of Corona Virus in performance of their duties;

AND WHEREAS, incidents of violence on the members of medical fraternity, health workers, police personnel and other Government officials on COVID-19 duty are being reported;

AND WHEREAS, Government feels committed to the security and welfare of such personnel and their families and intends to stand by them in all such vulnerable situations;

NOW THEREFORE, with a view to supporting such personnel in their active line of duty in fighting COVID-19 pandemic and to stand by their families in the event of their unfortunate loss of life, the Government takes the following decisions:-

1. Considering the significant contribution of the member of the medical community, their performance will be annually recognized by suitable state awards on an appropriate day. Health & Family Welfare Department will take necessary steps to implement this.

2. Wherever any incident of violence on any member of the medical community (Doctors, Nurses, Para-medical staff, Health Workers and other Support Services) is noticed, the Government will take stringent action against the culprits and criminal action including appropriate provisions of the National Security Act, 1980 will be invoked against them.

3. The spouse/ next of kin of the deceased government employee, who succumbs to COVID-19 in line of duty under active deployment by the State authorities, shall continue to receive due salary till the date of superannuation of such employee, had he/ she survived. Finance Department will issue detailed guidelines/ orders in this regard.
4. If a person, either in govt. or private, succumbs to COVID-19 in line of duty under formal deployment by the State authorities on COVID-19 related work, the cremation shall be honoured by the State as usually accorded to the martyrs. Home Department will issue required guidelines/orders and implement this.

By order of the Governor

Chief Secretary, Odisha

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