

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT
O R D E R

No. 708 /C, Bhubaneswar, dated 21st March, 2020
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Whereas it has come to the notice of the State Government that almost all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are finding it hard to manage outsourced contracting agencies for dealing with sanitation work as frequently these agencies are giving call for strikes threatening to destabilise sanitation work of the ULBs causing serious public health hazards;

And whereas the casual workers connected with supply and distribution of drinking water in the ULBs are also resorting frequently to stopping the services on various demands for which the general public are put to suffering;

And whereas there is a global pandemic i.e. COVID-19 for which lot of precaution is to be taken for supply of drinking water and maintenance of sanitation in the ULBs;

And whereas the State Government are satisfied that in the interest of the public, it is necessary to prohibit strikes in the aforesaid services which will be applicable to all the ULBs of the State, PHEO, OWSSB & WATCO for smooth supply of drinking water and maintenance of sanitation in the ULBs.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1988 (Odisha Act 9 of 1992), the Government of Odisha hereby prohibit strikes by any agency or group of persons dealing with sanitation work in ULBs of the State and by the casual workers connected with supply and distribution of drinking water in the ULBs. This will be applicable to all the ULBs of the State, PHEO, OWSSB & WATCO. The order shall remain in force for a period of six months with effect from the date of issue of the order.

By Order of Governor

Special Secretary to Government.

Memo No 709 /C, Dated 21.3.2020

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Additional Secretary to Government.

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Additional Secretary to Government.