

Date: 25-03-2020

NOTIFICATION

Sub: APIC – Andhra Pradesh Information Commission (Under RTI Act, 2005) – COVID-19
(Corona Virus) – Certain Administrative Arrangements Made – Reg

Ref:

- i. MHA, GOI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th March 2020
- ii. APIC Notification on the Subject Matter dated 24th March 2020
- iii. Powers vested under S.15(4) of the RTI Act, 2005

Vide reference cited, MHA, GOI has passed Orders and Guidelines for strict compliance to curtail the spread of COVID-19 (pandemic declared by WHO) based on the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Order passed by the NMDA. These containment measures will remain in force for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.

This Notification is being issued in exercise of powers conferred vide Ref (iii) cited and to suppress the Notification cited vide Ref (ii).

The following instructions are hereby issued for immediate compliance:

- A. The Commission hereby cancels all its proceedings scheduled between 25th March 2020 and 14th April 2020.
- B. The Commission will be closed during the aforementioned period unless specifically called for.
- C. All staff (including outsourced employees) are required to be present at their respective residences and remain accessible through their mobile phones.
- D. All Government staff (including Gazetted Officers) should be available to attend the work of the Commission from their respective residences through online resources (Work from Home).
- E. All State Information Commissioners shall be accessible at their respective residences and be available to attend the Commission in the event of an exceptional requirement.
- F. All staff members of the Commission shall be eligible to avail leave as per existing rules (ref. GO. Rt. No. 607 of General Administration Dept. dated 21-03-2020) during the above said period.
- G. All staff are required to ensure compliance with this Notification and MHA Order (Ref i) in full letter and spirit to help curtail the pandemic situation, failing which they shall be liable to consequences as stated in the said Order of the MHA, GOI.

This Order shall be applicable with immediate effect. Any changes to the same will be notified vide subsequent notification(s).


Chief Information Commissioner I/c
Andhra Pradesh Information Commission

To

- i. The Secretary, APIC – for further communication and necessary action
- ii. The Notice Board, APIC
- iii. The Website, APIC

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