GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT
General Administration Department – COVID-19 (Corona Virus) – Preventive measures to achieve “social distancing to contain the spread of COVID-19 – Permitted 50% (approximately) to attend office and to work from home on alternate weeks - Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL A) DEPARTMENT
G.O. Rt. No.607
Dated 21.03.2020

Read the following :–


ORDER

In the G.O. third read above, as a part of preventive measures of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) orders have been issued among others for closure of Institutions and constitution of High Level Committee for effective monitoring of the steps which are being taken by the stake-holders.

2. In the reference 1st read above, Government of India have issued certain Advisories and precautionary measures to all the Ministries/Departments for well-being of Government employees as a part of preventive measures of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) in the larger public interest.

3. In the light of the Government of India Circular instructions and orders issued in the G.O. 3rd read above, Government hereby issue the following instructions in order to prevent COVID-19 (Corona Virus) in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

a) In the Secretariat, All the Section Officers, Asst. Section Officers and below cadre may be grouped as two (approximately 50%) and permitted to attend office on alternate weeks. The remaining officers should attend office regularly.

b) In respect of Head of the Departments, District Offices and below Offices, all Non-gazetted officers may be grouped as two (approximately 50%) and permitted to attend office on alternate weeks. All gazetted officers should attend the office regularly.

c) The Officials appointed as Advisors, Chairpersons & consultants after retirement who are of the age of 60 years and above are allowed to work from home with the permission of Heads of the Department, without adversely affecting their consultancy fee/honorarium.

d) The Officials who wish to self-quarantine, as a preventive measure and crossed 50 years of age and have underlying conditions i.e., Diabetes, Respiratory problems, Renal diseases and other life-threatening illness for a period up to 4th April, 2020 to grant committed leave without production of medical certificate by the competent authority.

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e) The contractual/outsources staff may also be allowed to attend office on rotational basis as has been allowed in the case of regular employees.

f) The group who are attending office may also be grouped as three and staggered their timings as follows to minimise the large gathering at a time.

   i) 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM
   ii) 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM
   iii) 10.30 AM to 5.30 PM

g) However, all the staff members who are permitted to work from home should be available on telephone and electronic means of communication and attend the duties through e-office;

h) These instructions are not applicable to Essential Service Employees.

i) Grievance petitions shall not be allowed in Government Offices.

j) These orders are also applicable to all Public Sector undertakings, Societies, autonomous institutions, etc.,

k) As far as possible, visitors must be restricted in offices.


4. All the Departments of the Secretariat, Heads of the Department, District Offices shall ensure that 50% of employees are required to attend office every day and remaining 50% employees should be instructed to work from home and they are also advised to draft a weekly roster of duty.

5. The above instructions will come into force with immediate effect.

   (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

   NILAM SAWHNEY
   CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the Departments of the Secretariat.
All the Heads of the Department.
All the Collectors and District Magistrates.
All the Regional/District Offices.
All the Pubic Sector Undertakings of the State.
All the autonomous institutions of the State.

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   //FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

   SECTION OFFICER.