



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Karnataka Government Secretariat,
MS Building,
Bengaluru, Dated: 12-01-2022

ORDER

Whereas, the State Government has been proactively imposing graded containment measures to combat the spread of COVID 19 in the State. There has been steep spike in the number of COVID 19 cases in the State during the last 2 weeks mainly driven by the highly transmissible Variant of Concern “Omicron.” Consequently, the active caseload in the State has risen due to increase in test positivity rate. The cases are doubling within 2-3 days.

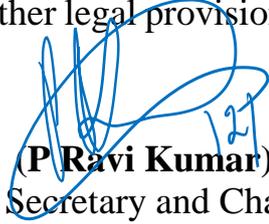
Whereas, the State Government is taking all possible measures such as imposing restrictions on gathering of people and other measures to contain the combat the spread of COVID 19 in the State. I

Whereas, the State Government enforced additional containment measures vide orders of even number dated 03-12-2021, 26-12-2021 and 04-01-2022 & its connecting orders. Subsequently, on assessing the COVID 19 situation in the State on 11-01-2022, the State has extended the imposition of containment measures imposed vide aforementioned orders along with new restrictions upto 31-01-2022. Further, orders of even number dated 04-01-2022 and 11-01-2022 explicitly prohibits all type of rallies, dharnas, and protests.

Whereas, despite explicit order of banning dharnas and protests vide orders dated 04-01-2022 and 11-01-2022 which is in force untill 31-01-2022, it is observed that certain group of people have organized and mobilized people from various districts to Ramanagara District to participate in Padayatra from Mekedatu to Bengaluru named as “Namma Neeru Namma Hakku” defying Government orders. The act of defiance is endangering lives of large number of people. The protest/Padayatra is likely to aggravate already worsening COVID 19 situation in the State. The State Government is satisfied that the current circumstance requires stringent enforcement of COVID 19 behaviour and prevent large gathering in protests, rallies, padayatra, etc, to break the chain of transmission of COVID 19 in the State.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (a) (b) (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee, hereby directs that all, inter district (within Karnataka) and intra district (within Ramanagara), movement of vehicles and persons for participating in “Nama Neeru Namma Hakku” padayatra or whichever name it is called with similar purpose from Makedatu to Bengaluru is prohibited with immediate effect and will be in force until further order for strict implementation by all Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, all Police Commissioners of the State. The Transport Commissioner is directed to take adequate measures to implement this order and aid the District administrations and Police Commissioners of the State.

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.


(P Ravi Kumar)

Chief Secretary and Chairman,
State Executive Committee

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