

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE WAKF BOARD, VIJAYAWADA

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F.No.E1/20/2019-AP

Date:21 -04-2020

From
Shaik Aleem Basha
Chief Executive Officer (FAC)
A.P.State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.

To
All the District Collectors

Sir,

Sub:- APSWB – COVID-19 – Commencement of Holy Month of Ramadan – Restrictions on gathering of Musallies (Worshippers) for regular 5 times Prayers , Friday Prayers, Iftar and Taraweeh (Special Prayers) during night times – Facilities to be provided as per the assurances made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P. – Necessary action - Requested – Regarding.

- Ref:-1. G.O.Rt.No.204, Health Medical & Family Welfare (B2) Dept., Government of AP, dated:19.03.2020.
2. This office order even no, dated: 20-03-2020.
 3. Orders of the Secretary to Home, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dt:24-03-2020.
 4. G.O. Rt. No 216, Health Medical & Family (B2) Dept., Government of A.P., Dated: 24-03-2020.
 5. MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated: 14-04-2020, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI, New Delhi.
 - 6.G.O. Rt. No 238, dated: 14-04-2020, Health Medical & Family (B2) Dept., Government of A.P.
 7. Hon'ble chief Minister's Video conference with the Dist. Collectors, dt: 20-04-2020.
 8. This office Circular dated 20-04-2020

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It is to submit that in obedience to the instructions issued by the Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh vide reference 5th& 6th cited, regarding observance of Lock Down Period in connection with COVID-19, this office has issued instructions to all the Managements of Waqf Institutions/Masjids, NGOs and Muslim Community in general to strictly follow the restrictions being imposed and to restrict the congregation in the Masjids etc. vide reference 2nd cited. Further, in the wake of commencement of Holy Month of Ramadan either from 24th/25th of April, 2020 (subject to sighting of moon), it is also requested to restrict the congregation for Iftar and Taraweeh Prayers.

Further, it is to submit that in the Video Conference held on 20.04.2020 with Collectors and all the religious heads (Ulemas) of the Muslim Community of all the districts across the State, it was decided to accept the suggestions which are feasible for implementation during these hours of crisis. Accordingly, the following instructions have been issued to all the Managing Committees/Mutawallies of Masjids vide reference 8th cited indicating that;

- Only Imam and Mouzzin shall be permitted in Masjids to offer 5 times prayers, Friday Prayers and Iftar during the entire month of Holy Ramadan.
- Imam, Mouzzin and two others may be permitted to Masjid to perform Taraweeh Prayers.

- All the Musallies (Worshippers)/General Muslims shall be advised to offer 5 times prayers, Friday Prayers, Iftar and Taraweeh Prayers etc., in their homes only during the entire month of Holy Ramadan.
- The Managements of Masjids can make use of available sound system for Azan (Call of Prayers) for 5 times Prayers inclusive of giving siren for announcement of Saheri and Iftar timings.
- Announcement shall be made after every call of prayer that the community should strictly maintain the social/physical distance in their daily routine and avoid any type of congregation either at homes or outside of their home to prevent the spread of pandemic COVID-19.

Further the following actions shall also be taken by the concerned departments to provide required facilities and facilitate Musallies to observe Ramadan month without any hassles.

- 24X7 power supply
- Adequate supply of drinking and general usage water
- Making sure the availability of Grocery Shops, Vegetable and Fruit and also shops of essential commodities upto 10.00 a.m. every day
- Making sure the availability of fruit and dry fruit shops in the market for Iftar at evening times.
- Allowing the donors of food and other eatables to move between 03 AM to 04.30 AM in the morning and between 05.30 PM to 06.30 PM in the evening as part of special relaxation during the month of Ramadan, duly maintaining social distance and other COVID-19 Protocols.
- According permission to the identified hotels with Take Away facility only both at Sehri and Iftar times exclusively,
- Providing nutritious and quality food with fruits and dry fruits to the Muslims at Quarantine centres for both Sehri and Iftar at 3.00 A.M. and 6.00 P.M.
- Issue of passes to the Imams and Mouzzins to move from their residences to the respective Masjids during the month of Ramadan on due certification by the DMWO/Inspector-Auditor Waqf concerned.
- Display of banner in all the Masjids indicating the restrictions in connection with COVID-19.

Therefore, it is requested to take necessary action to facilitate the public during the month of Holy Ramadan. However, it shall be ensured that all necessary protocols of COVID-19 shall be followed scrupulously.


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Copy submitted to

Principal Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department, Velagapudi, A.P. for favour of kind information.

Special Commissioner, Minorities Welfare Department, Govt., of A.P. T.G. Plaza, Tadepalli, Guntur for favour kind information.

OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of A.P., Velagapudi

Copy to :

1. All the D.R.Os , D.M.W.Os and Inspector-Auditors of Waqf in the State.
2. All the Waqf institutions in the State