GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT DISPUR ::: GUWAHATI

No.HLB. 111/2020/242

Dated, Dispur the 28thMay, 2020

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for

Army, Air Force and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) travelling into Assam

1. Nodal Officer

- 1.1.Army, Air Force and CAPF shall nominate a senior officer as Nodal Officer to liaise with the State Government, District Magistrates and other representatives of the State Government as required.
- 1.2. The Nodal Officer shall communicate movement of returning personnel in advance to the District Magistrates of districts where (A) disembarking airport/ train station is located and (B) the district where the cantonment/ group centre is located.
- 1.3. Nodal Officer will confirm that adequate institutional quarantine facilities have been created for the personnel, within the cantonment/group centre boundary by the Army/ Air Force/CAPF authorities.

2. General protocol for Army, Air Force and CAPF personnel on Official Duty/ Deployment.

- 2.1. Screening of all personnel will be done at disembarking railway station/ airport by the district authorities, in coordination with the Army/ Air Force/ CAPF authorities.
- 2.2. The personnel will directly proceed to their respective cantonment/ group centre from the disembarking railway station/airport.
- 2.3. Adequate institutional quarantine facilities will be created by Army/ Air Force/ CAPF authorities for their personnel.
- 2.4. Collection of swab samples for RT-PCRCOVID-19 tests within 12 hours of arrival at the cantonment by district administration, will be facilitated by the Army/ Air Force/CAPF authorities.
- 2.5.In case of any COVID positive case, the personnel shall be immediately referred to designated Army/ Air Force/ CAPF COVID hospital or to a hospital under Government of Assam, as required.

3. Army/ Air Force Personal

3.1. Commissioned Officers: Any asymptomatic officer will have to undergo combined institutional quarantine (inside the cantonment/ camp

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premises) and home quarantine of at least 14 days. The period of institutional quarantine will be 7 days or till his/ her RT-PCR COVID-19 test result is declared, whichever is earlier. Once the officer is released from institutional quarantine, he shall undergo home quarantine for the remaining period of quarantine, after hand stamping.

- 3.2. Non-Commissioned Officers/ Jawans: Any asymptomatic personnel will have to undergo institutional quarantine (inside the cantonment/camp boundary) for 14 days, even if his/her test result is negative in the meantime.
- **4. CAPF:** CAPF personal shall **first travel to their group centre** within Assam, prior to deployment for field duties. Any **asymptomatic personnel** will have to undergo **institutional quarantine** (inside the Group Centre premises) for **14 days**, even if his test result is negative in the meantime.

In case, accommodation in group centres is limited, then CAPF authorities shall suitably stagger the movement of CAPF personal into Assam.

- 5. Relatives of Army/ Air Force/ CAPF personnel stationed in Assam: Any asymptomatic relative will have to undergo combined institutional quarantine (inside the cantonment/ group centre premises) and home quarantine of at least 14 days. The period of institutional quarantine will be 7 days or till his/ her COVID-19 RT-PCT test results are declared, whichever is earlier. Once the person is released from institutional quarantine, he/ she shall undergo home quarantine for the remaining period of quarantine, after hand stamping.
- 6. Army/ Air Force/ CAPF personnel returning on leave to residence in Assam: Such personnel shall follow the quarantine/ testing protocols stipulated for the general public.

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Principal Secretary to Government of Assam Health & Family Welfare Department Dated, Dispur the 28th May, 2020

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- 3. Director General of Police, Assam.
- 4. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
- 5. ADGP (L&O)
- 6. ADGP (S)

- 7. Commissioner & Secretary, Transport Department, Dispur.
- 8. Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
- 9. Special Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
- 10. Chief Executive Officer, Assam State Disaster Management Authority.
- 11. Commissioner of Transport, Assam/ Managing Director, ASTC.
- 12. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
- 13. All Deputy Commissioners for necessary action
- 14. All Superintendents of Police for necessary action.
- 15. DME/ DHS, Assam.
- 16. All Joint Directors of Health Services, Assam.
- 17. All Principals cum Chief Superintendents/, Medical College Hospitals.
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- 22. P.S. to Hon'ble MLA (All).
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