

No. PERS-PP-20MISC/48/2020-4PP2/1/68556/2020

Government of Punjab
Department of Personnel
(Personnel Policies – II Branch)

Dated, Chandigarh : 26/08/2020

To

All Heads of Departments,
Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Commissioners of Divisions,
District and Session Judges and
All Deputy Commissioners in the State.

Subject:- Preventive measures for protection and safety of Vulnerable persons, during COVID.

Whereas a Civil Writ Petition (PIL) No. 69 of 2020 has been filed in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High court. The writ petition was disposed of vide orders dated 3.7.2020. The operative part of the order is reproduced as below:

"Mr. Pardeep Singh Bajwa, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, appearing for respondents No.1 and 2, submits that though the State of Punjab is taking full care to follow the Ministry of Home Affairs' Guidelines and protect the lives of all citizens, the representation dated 18.05.2020 (Annexure P-4) already moved by the petitioner shall be considered and, if so required, an appropriate decision thereon shall be taken expeditiously and in accordance with law.

In view of the statement made by learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, the petition stands disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to approach the authorities concerned."

Whereas Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India had issued guidelines to all the States and as per condition No. 7, the provision with regard to vulnerable persons was made, as below:

"7. Protection of vulnerable persons

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for essential and health purposes".

Whereas the State Government had issued guidelines, with regard to condition No.7, as referred to above, on 9.6.2020. It was stated as below:

"As per this SOP, the employees at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant women and employees with underlying medical conditions are to take extra precautions. They should preferably not be exposed to any front-line work requiring direct contact with public. These employees should be facilitated to work from home wherever feasible".

Whereas Government has considered the averments made in the Civil Writ Petition (PIL) No.69 of 2020, and the provision with regard to vulnerable persons is re-iterated as below:

"Protection of vulnerable persons

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for essential and health purposes".

You are, therefore, directed to ensure strict compliance of the above guidelines dated 09.06.2020


It is issued with the approval of the competent authority.


Additional Secretary Personnel
J. Mander

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1. Special/Additional Chief Secretaries/Financial Commissioners/
Principal Secretaries to the Government of Punjab
2. Ld. Advocate General, Punjab, Chandigarh
3. Superintendent (Writs), Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh in compliance with the orders passed in CWP (PIL)
No. 69 of 2020.
4. Sh. H.C. Arora, Advocate, House No. 2299, Sector 44-C,
Chandigarh.


Additional Secretary Personnel
J. Mander