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**ORDER**

No. ASDMA.24/2020/Pt-4/58

Dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has directed vide Order dated 09-12-2020, in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1213/2020 (Kush Karla Vs Union of India and Ors.), as follows:

*"...we only observe that no State or Union Territory is required to paste posters outside the residence of COVID-19 positive persons, as of now. The State Governments and Union Territories can resort the above exercise only when any direction is issued by the competent authority under the Disaster Management Act, 2006. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly."*

Whereas, Section 22 (2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 empowers the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority to give directions to any department of the government of the State or any other Authority or body in the state regarding actions to be taken in response to any threatening disaster situation or disaster;

Whereas, Section 24 (b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 empowers the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority to control and restrict the entry of any person into, his movement within and departure from, a vulnerable or affected area for the purpose assisting and protecting the communities affected by disaster or providing relief to such community or, preventing or combating disruption or dealing with the effects of any threatening disaster situation;

Whereas, Section 24 (k) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 empowers the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority to disseminate information to public to deal with any threatening disaster situation or disaster;

Whereas, there has been a significant surge of COVID-19 cases across the State during the last few days and stricter measures are required to contain the spread of the virus;

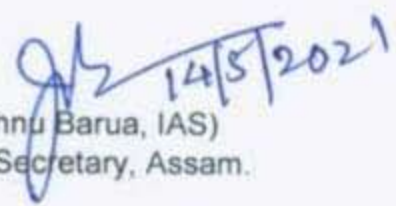
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Whereas, there have been reports that some COVID positive persons do not observe COVID appropriate behaviour and end up spreading the infection among the uninfected persons who come in their contact.

Therefore, it is necessary to put an identity mark, on places where such persons are self-isolated or quarantined, for larger benefit of community.

Now, therefore in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 22(2) (h), Section 24 (b) and 24 (k) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority, Assam, hereby directs the District Disaster Management Authorities and concerned district officials in the State of Assam to paste posters outside the residence of COVID-19 positive persons to distinguish the location and protect the community at large from further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Further, pasting of posters outside the residence of COVID-19 positive persons will be done only if such a residence is used by the COVID-19 positive person for self-isolation or quarantine purpose and such posters shall be removed as soon as such person/persons turn COVID-19 negative.

  
(Jishnu Barua, IAS)  
Chief Secretary, Assam.