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Dated Pesh the 11 / 04 / 2020

To:

All the District & Sessions Judges/
Zilla Qazis in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Subject: **CORONA (COVID-19) PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of the Special Meeting dated 06.04.2020, on the subject, for compliance of Para-12/N thereof, please.

Sincerely yours,


o/c
**ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR (ADMN)
FOR REGISTRAR**

10.4.2020

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Copy along with enclosures forwarded for information to all the participants of the Special Meeting.


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**ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR (ADMN)
FOR REGISTRAR**

10.4.2020

SPECIAL MEETING
CORONA (COVID-19) PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES
6TH APRIL 2020

- 1) This meeting was chaired by Worthy Registrar Peshawar High Court Peshawar and the following participated: -
1. Mr. Muhammad Younas Khan (DSJ Peshawar)
 2. Mr. Muhammad Zubair Khan (MIT)
 3. Mr. Mohammad Zeb Khan (PSO)
 4. Khalid Khan, Director Inspection (SDJ)
 5. Syed Abid Sarwar Additional Registrar (Admn)
 6. Mr. Rooh-ul-Amin AR (Judicial)
 7. Mr. Zaeem Ahmed, Director (HRW)
 8. Mr. Sadiq Shah (DBA)
 9. Mr. Abdul Haleem (DPD)
 10. Mr. Ashfaq Khan ADC Peshawar
 11. Dr. Syed Jamal N-Staff Officer
 12. Dr. Ikram Ullah Director Public Health
 13. Dr. Zahida Imran Incharge BHU
 14. Mr. Zubair APO
 15. Mr. Shah Zeb Khan Programmer.
- 2) Mr. Shah Zeb Khan, Programmer recited few verses of Holy Quran. The Registrar formally welcomed the participants. He said that this meeting has been called for ensuring institutional response in line with the wholesome strategy devised by the Government. He applauded the services rendered by the Doctors, Paramedics, District Administration, Police and Pak Army in fighting the pandemic.
- 3) The Chair adverted to the representative of PDMA and enquired possibility of support in Personal Protection Equipment ("PPE"). Director Rehabilitation PDMA responded by submitting that disinfectant tunnels have been constructed in the private sector and is available for inspection so that on these lines further Disinfectant tunnels may be constructed.
- 4) **The Worthy Registrar directed the AR (A) to inspect the tunnels and to come up with workable solutions for construction & installation of such tunnels in-order to ensure that all concerned are disinfected while entering the premises.**
A person symptomatic of corona covid-19 virus he/she should be given proper medical care at the BHU PHC and the allied Hospitals/Facilities.
- 5) The Director Rehabilitation PDMA further highlighted that a list of necessary equipment has been shared with NDMA thus expectedly these shall be supplied in due course. The representative PDMA invited the demand from this Court for the supply of PPEs. **The Worthy Registrar directed the PSO to furnish the details.**
The details were accordingly shared vide F/A.

- 6) It was observed that the working of the BHU has not been up to the mark even prior to this Pandemic and now their performance is further deteriorated. It was noted that not a single member of the staff of the BHU PHC is associated with the process of scanning the entrants on the entry points for suspected Covid-19 infected persons despite earlier directions. Representative of BHU stated that necessary training has been imparted to the staff of Special Branch and on account of limited human resource it is difficult to depute officials of the BHU at the entry points. It was agreed that this is an emergency situation and we have to shoulder the extra burden as it is a national cause and we stand united to ensure that this pandemic is curtailed.
- 7) The ADC cited the instance that two of their officials have been trained on the use of thermal Guns and deputed to the entry gates. The Director P&D informed that on account of limited resources the quarantine was not established at the BHU despite the earlier direction and at present further diagnostic is carried at the Police & Services Hospital. It was directed that the BHU would maintain liaison with the Police and services hospital in case of emergency on regular basis under intimation to DPD.
- 8) The Committee expressed concern in respect of a staff member of this Court working in Writ Branch who has recently been diagnosed with Corona Covid-19. Mr. Zubair APO reported that AR/J reported the suspect. The BHU was informed. As per the recommendation of the nurse of the BHU; Rescue 1122 rapid response team was informed and they arrived and took the official to Police and Services Hospital. There the necessary tests were carried out. Similarly, the concerned Office was sealed and all officials in contact with him were identified. AR/J added that these officials in close contact with the infected official were sent home with a view to ensure self-quarantine. Representative of the BHU highlighted that the irrespective of the said direction these officials came to the court and had endeavored to meet the Hon'ble Chief Justice. **The Chair spoke of stringent rules to be strictly applied and directed AR (A) to devise SOPs for avoiding such like situations in future.** Similarly, **the Registrar directed AR (A) to ensure availability of considerable stocks of necessary protective equipment for the staff and officers.** It was further directed that increase awareness campaign be launched to ensure wide spread awareness of this pandemic
- 9) The house discussed the steps taken for ensuring that this pandemic may not spread within the court premises. He said that all visitors and officers upon their arrival at the premises are examined by gauging their body temperature through thermal guns thereafter they pass through stream of disinfectants generated through mist fans. The premises are routinely sprayed and washbasins has been installed wherein

people are encouraged to wash their hands before coming to court. They in routine are encouraged to use sanitizer and other equipment made available to them.

10) Dr. Ikram Ullah expressed approval of these practices being steps in the right direction. **The Registrar directed AR (A) to ensure that all officers/staff are scanned, disinfected and all necessary protective measures is followed while making their way to the court premises.** He further highlighted that Hon'ble the Chief Justice has directed him to pass these directives.

11) In respect of the Court files the Chair expressed concern that it may lead to spread of the pandemic. Dr. Ikram Ullah responded that regular sprays should be carried out and it would lead to disinfection. **The Registrar directed AR (J) to devise an SOP so that on regular basis all the record is disinfected as and when it reaches to different offices and courts.**

12) The Chair thereafter referred to DSJ Peshawar. He said that the reason DSJ Peshawar is invited is to ensure that such like policies are developed and followed at District Judiciary. He directed District Judiciary the following: -

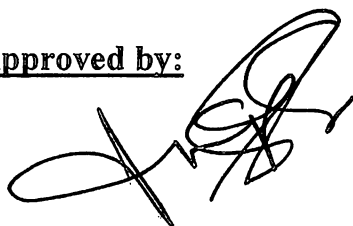
- i. To devise strategy at the District to ensure that all the directives issued meant to curtail the outbreak of the pandemic may be implemented in letter and spirit.
- ii. To formulate a strategy for the District concern to ensure that the court premises is clean from this vicious virus and that judges, officers, staff, member of the bar and the litigant public do not fall victim to this pandemic.
- iii. The DSJ concerned ought to devise a strategy for his/her District for ensuring that the delay occasioned in disposal of cases on account of this outbreak is remedied in future.

The meeting ended with a mutual vote of thanks to and from the chair.

Drafted by:


Mohammad Zeb Khan
PSO to HCJ.

Approved by:



Registrar