ORDER

Whereas, during the lockdown period for COVID-19 in the State of Meghalaya, some relaxation has been given for the opening of shops;

Whereas, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya vide order No. Health. 118/2020/10, dated 01.06.2020 have issued General protocol for all shopkeepers as shown below:

1. All shopkeepers/staff-members will have to compulsorily wear face masks during operation of business/shop. Mask should be worn in a correct manner and not removed while talking.
2. Shopkeepers should compulsorily follow social distancing while conduct of business.
3. Shopkeepers must ensure that customers coming to their shops should wear a face mask and maintain social distancing.

Additional protocol for shopkeepers of medium and large-sized standalone shops.

In addition to the general protocol, following are the guidelines for shopkeepers of medium and large-sized standalone shops:

1. Shopkeepers must provide hand sanitizers at the entrance.
2. Shopkeepers must ensure that there is minimum 1-2 meter distance among customers as well as the staff members inside the shop.
3. Shopkeepers must ensure that not more than 5 persons are inside the shop.
4. For those items that need to be checked before buying, shopkeepers should ensure that customers sanitize their hands before touching them. For example, in case of optical stores, it is advised that frames once tried should be sanitized before they are placed back.
5. Frequent sanitization of the entire shop and especially points that frequently come into contact with humans, for example door handles/knobs, should be ensured.

Now, therefore, I, Sibbi C. Sadhu, IAS, District Magistrate, North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara in exercise of the powers vested on me under section 144 Cr.P.C. direct all shopkeepers and the public to strictly follow the protocol issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department in entire North Garo Hills District until further order and all the shopkeepers are directed to sign an undertaking before opening of shops.
Given under my hand and seal this 2nd June, 2020.

Sd/-
District Magistrate,
North Garo Hills District,
Resubelpara.


Copy to:-
1. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Political Department, Shillong.
3. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department, Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. The Commission of Division of Garo Hills Division, Tura for information.
5. The Superintendent of Police, North Garo Hills for information and necessary action.
6. All ADCs, North Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
7. All EACs/BDOs, North Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
8. All Executive Magistrate, COVID-19, for information and necessary action.
9. The Executive Officer, Resubelpara Municipal Board for information and necessary action.
10. The DIPRO, North Garo Hills for information and to cause publicity in the entire district.
11. All Bazaar Committee for information and necessary action.