## Government of West Bengal NABANNA 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah -711102

## **ORDER**

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Whereas, in order to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, state government vide order No 753/XVII/-ISS/2M-22/2020 dated 02/01/2022 read with subsequent orders notified certain restriction and relaxation measures and advisory in terms of the provisions under Disaster Management Act 2005 read with West Bengal Epidemic Disease, Covid-19 Regulations 2020, which are in force till 15/01/2022.

Whereas, after a review of the current situation of COVID-19 pandemic and the concerns due to new COVID-19 variant "*Omicron*", State Executive Committee of West Bengal State Disaster Management Authority recommended to continue with the current restrictions in force and allow graded relaxations as necessary.

Accordingly, in terms of the provisions under Disaster Management Act 2005 read with West Bengal Epidemic Disease, Covid-19 Regulations 2020, restriction and relaxation measures and advisory as already in force vide aforesaid orders stand extended up to **31/01/2022**.

Further, following additional relaxations are hereby notified with effect from 16/01/2022:

- i) Marriage related functions shall be allowed with a maximum of 200 people at a time or 50% seating capacity of the hall / venue, whichever is lower.
- ii) Mela / fair may be allowed in open air venue in a very restricted manner, following COVID appropriate discipline and protocols.

Wearing of masks, maintenance of physical distancing and health & hygiene protocol must be followed at all times.

District administration, police commissionerates and local authorities shall ensure strict compliance of the stated directives. Any violation of the restriction measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and under Indian Penal Code.

**Chief Secretary** 

Dated: 15/01/2022