



GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

**RELIEF REHABILITATION & SETTLEMENT
DEPARTMENT**

Dated Peshawar the 28th May, 2020

NOTIFICATION:

No. SO (Admn) RR&SD/2-49/2020: In continuation of this department notification of even no. dated 08-04-2020 regarding regulation of prayers and congregations of minority communities, the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is pleased to allow prayers and congregations of the said community on limited scale subject to the observance of the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):

- i. The floors of the worship area shall not be covered with carpets etc; the prayers shall be performed on plain floor. In case of mud-floor, personal mats shall be used. Where carpets cannot be removed, plastic sheets must cover them and these sheets should be cleaned regularly;
- ii. Before and after the prayers, formation of assembly shall be avoided and shall also be discouraged by the individual minority worship places' managements;
- iii. In minority worship places having courtyards, prayers shall be performed in these courtyards rather than in closed / covered area. Moreso, prayers shall be limited to the courtyards, and shall not extend towards footpaths, roads or streets;
- iv. Children, and old people as well as those who have a co-morbidity shall not attend prayers;
- v. People who have any or all symptoms of Corona Virus of 2019 (COVID-19) shall also not attend prayers;
- vi. The floor of worship areas shall be cleansed with the solution of disinfectants;
- vii. Solution of disinfectants shall also be used to cleanse benches and/or chairs;
- viii. The seating arrangement shall ensure at least six feet distance amongst the worshipers; it is advisable that such places shall be marked, if possible, and does not violate the sanctity of the worship areas;
- ix. Hand-shakes and hugging shall be avoided;
- x. Every worshiper shall wear a face mask, before entering the worship areas;
- xi. Minorities worship areas management shall keep a close liaison with the District Administration and Police;
- xii. Particular to churches, the quantity of Holy Water in the baptismal at vestibules and other points shall be kept at such a level that it shall be used according the principle of one time one person;
- xiii. Railings, altar, tabernacle, and pulpit shall be sanitized with disinfectants;

- xiv. Crockery used in rites shall be sanitized and shall be used exclusively; and,
- xv. A committee shall be notified at level of every minority worship area that shall ensure implementation of SOPs to control the spread of COVID-19.
- xvi. No procession shall be allowed.

(2) This order is subject to be revision according to the situation and advice of health experts.

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Secretary

Relief, Rehabilitation and Settlement Department

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