ORDER

1. WHEREAS, COVID-19 has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) and National Disaster Management Authority, being satisfied that the country is threatened with the COVID-19 epidemic, has extended the lockdown in the entire country.

2. WHEREAS, as per directions of MHA, air travel shall resume from 25.05.2020 and as Chandigarh International Airport (CHIAL) falls in the jurisdiction of the district, the entry of inbound persons into the State needs to be regulated in line with the protocol of the Health Department of the State of Punjab for the containment and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

3. WHEREAS, guidelines have been issued today by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for domestic travel which specifically mention in that “States can also develop their own protocol with regard to quarantine and isolation as per their assessment.”

4. WHEREAS, as per the instructions received from the Government of Punjab, the following shall be ensured:

   i. The Airlines shall publicize this information extensively so as to ensure that this information is made available to all the passengers boarding the flights well before they reach the airports i.e. the points of departure.

   ii. The Station Managers of the respective Airlines shall make available to the Nodal Officer – lists of passengers in the flight whose destination is Punjab, well in advance.

   iii. All passengers belonging to Punjab shall be tested for COVID-19 at the airport. Civil Surgeon, Mohali shall depute adequate teams at the airport for this purpose. The Nodal Officer shall ensure that their names, mobile numbers and addresses are duly noted.

   iv. All such persons shall be required to undergo mandatory Home Quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of arrival. In case the test comes out to be positive, the person/s shall be shifted to an isolation facility. In case the test comes out to be negative, the person shall still be required to undergo home quarantine for 14 days and shall self-monitor their health status and report to the nearest government health facility in case they develop any COVID-19 symptoms.

   v. The Nodal Officer shall ensure that the names, addresses and mobile numbers of all other arriving passengers (not belonging to Punjab) are duly recorded and passed on to respective DCs for further necessary action as per the protocol of the recipient state.

   vi. It is clarified that mandatory COVID-19 tests shall be done only of passengers whose destination is Punjab (any district). The passengers for UT of Chandigarh, Haryana, HP etc. moving through the airport shall be dealt with as per the protocol of the recipient State.

6. All the concerned authorities shall ensure the strict compliance of these instructions.

Given under my hand and seal.

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DISTRICT MAGISTRATE