



**Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 3905 /R&DM(DM)
RDM-RLF-MISC-0282-2020

Date: 13.07.2021

ORDER

Whereas, SARS CoV-2 infection continues spreading in different areas in the State;

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) has issued guidelines vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th April,2021, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th May,2021 and Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th June,2021 for effective control of COVID-19;

And whereas, in pursuance of the orders issued by the Government of Odisha, vide Order No.3665/R&DM(DM) dated 30-06-2021, social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings shall remain prohibited and all religious places are closed for general public till 16th July, 2021;

And whereas, in the Odia month of Shravan, people carry water from some religious places, walk barefoot for several miles and put water in some Shiva Temples on each Monday of this month and these people generally referred to as, 'Bol Bom devotees' or 'Kaudia' start their journey on Saturday/ Sunday/ Monday by collecting water from one religious place and walk till Monday morning and pour the collected water on a Shiva Linga in some other Temples on Monday;

Now therefore, on further assessment of the situation and in the interest of the health of general public, the State Government do hereby order that the above religious activities and congregations remain prohibited and **the Kaudias / Bol Bom devotees are not allowed to carry water from religious places or any other sources and also not allowed to walk on public roads and pour water in Temples/ Lord Shiva Temples during the Odia month of Shravan (July/August), 2021.**

The above order issued by the State Government shall be strictly implemented in the interest of health of general public.

By orders of the Governor


13/7/2021
Chief Secretary, Odisha


Memo No. 3906/R&DM(DM) Date: 13.07.2021

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Special Relief Commissioner &
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
(Disaster Management)

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