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अडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**सचिवालय / SECRETARIAT**

Port Blair, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**CIRCULAR**

**Sub : Blowing of Siren on 22.03.2020 at 5.00 pm - reg.**

This is in reference to the address of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the Nation on 19.03.2020 at 8.00 pm regarding Novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). One of the highlights of the address of Hon'ble Prime Minister was as under :-

*".....For the past 2 months, lakhs of our people have been working day and night in our Hospitals and Airports. From doctors to nurses, hospital staff, sanitation workers, airlines employees, government staff, police personnel, media people, people associated with train-bus-auto rickshaw services, and home delivery agents; all have been selflessly serving others, without caring about themselves.*

*In the current circumstances, these services cannot be considered to be ordinary. Today, these people run the risk of getting infected themselves. Yet, they continue to fulfill their duties, serving others. As defenders of the nation, they stand firmly between us and the Corona pandemic. The nation is grateful to them all.*

*I wish that on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we express our gratitude to all such people. On Sunday at exactly 5 pm, we all stand at the doors, balconies, windows of our homes, and give them all a 5 minute standing ovation. We clap our hands, beat our plates, ring our bells to boost their morale, salute their service.*

*To inform people about this, I request local authorities across the country to ring a siren at 5 pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> March....."*

2. In this regard, the citizens of Andaman and Nicobar Islands can be informed by **Blowing of Sirens** from various places by Shipping Department, Disaster Management Department, Police Department, GA Department, DBRAIT etc and all other Departments who have **Sirens** on 22.03.2020 at 5.00 pm sharp.
3. Necessary instructions may be issued by concerned Secretaries within their Departments.
4. General Administration Department will blow siren from Secretariat, Port Blair at the above said date and time.



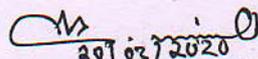
Assistant Secretary (GA)

To

1. Commr-cum-Secretaries/Secretaries, A&N Administration for necessary action.
2. All Deputy Commissioners, South Andaman/Nicobar/North and Middle Andaman with the request to inform private agencies/bodies, civil society, all associations etc in this regard.
3. The Secretary (IP&T) with the request to issue the press release in this regard on 21.03.2020 and 22.03.2020 in consultation with Secretary (Disaster Management) highlighting that the siren on the said date and time is not intended for disaster purpose. Further, Secretary (IP&T) may also inform All India Radio, Doordarshan accordingly.
4. The Secretary (Disaster Management), A&N Admn with the request for issuance of necessary instructions to all concerned.

Copy to :

1. The Secretary to Hon'ble LG, Raj Niwas, Port Blair for kind information.
2. Sr. PS to Chief Secretary, A&N Admn for kind information.
3. Sr. PS to Principal Secretary (Rev/Fin/DM), A&N Admn for kind information.
4. Sr. PS to Principal Secretary (Health), A&N Admn for kind information.

  
20/03/2020  
Assistant Secretary (GA)