

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI- 781006**

No.HLA.301/2020/177

Dated Dispur the 21st April, 2021

ORDER

In partial modification of earlier Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for persons arriving in Assam, all passengers arriving by flights and trains from outside the State will have to undergo compulsorily home quarantine for seven days, even if the result of the COVID test undergone on arrival, is negative.

However, Government officials and those travelling due to medical reasons and family bereavement are exempted from this mandatory seven days home quarantine.



(Samir K. Sinha, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department

Memo. No. HLA.301/2020/175- A

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By orders etc.,



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No.HLA.301/2020/175

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ORDER


In partial modification of earlier Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for persons arriving in Assam by air, the following measures are adopted:

1. All air passengers arriving in any airport in Assam will have to mandatorily undergo Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at the airport. No fees is payable by the passengers for RAT.
 - 1.1. If the RAT is positive, the passengers will have to undergo home isolation or get admitted in private hospital or Government Health Institution, depending upon his/ her medical condition.
 - 1.2. If the RAT is negative, the passenger will have to undergo RT-PCR test at the airport on payment basis as per the approved rate (present maximum rate is Rs 500/-).
2. After the RT-PCR sample is collected, the passenger will be allowed to leave the airport premises subject to the condition that he/ she will remain in quarantine till the RT-PCR test result is declared. Hand stamping of the passengers after RT-PCR sample collection is to be done.
 - 2.1. If the RT-PCR test is positive, the passenger will have to undergo home isolation or get admitted in private hospital or Government Health Institution, depending upon his/ her medical condition. An undertaking as in Annexure-I will have to be furnished by each passenger.
 - 2.2. If the RT-PCR test is negative, the passenger can continue his/her normal activities subject to compliance with COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and norms.
3. There will be no exemptions from the above mentioned tests in case of any passenger arriving in Assam and all earlier standard exemptions in this connection are hereby withdrawn.

However, (a) residents of North Eastern States other than Assam, who are arriving in any airport in Assam from outside the State and are directly travelling onwards to any other North-Eastern States, and (b) all transit passengers of Intra-Assam and inter-North Eastern States routes, shall be exempted from testing, provided they are asymptomatic. Such passengers will be required to produce proof of address in the North-Eastern States.

4. Any person violating these instructions will be liable to be prosecuted against as per provisions of section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under section 188 of IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable

This order comes into force with immediate effect.

 13/4/21

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8. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
9. All Deputy Commissioners, Assam.
10. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M)/ Sonitpur/ Jorhat/ Dibrugarh/ Lakhimpur/ Cachar. The fees collected for RT-PCR testing by Government Laboratories shall be credited to the District Health Society Account and the amount thus collected can be utilized for meeting minor COVID-19 related expenditure, following financial procedures/ norms. Separate accounts/ ledger shall be maintain for this purpose.
11. All Superintendents of Police, Assam.
12. Director of AYUSH/ Director of Health Services/ Director of Medical Education/ Director of Health Services (FW), Assam.
13. All Joint Directors of Health Services, Assam.
14. All Principal cum Chief Superintendents/ Superintendents, Medical College Hospitals, Assam.
15. Officer in charge, Airport Authority of India, Borjhar, Guwahati.
16. All airlines to give wide publicity to this SoP amongst passengers.
17. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Health & F.W., Assam.
18. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister of State, Health & F.W., Assam.
19. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Assam

By orders etc.,



Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam
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Annexure- I

LETTER OF UNDERTAKING/ DECLARATION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE AIRPORT

Date

To
District Magistrate
..... district, Government of Assam.

Sub: Letter of undertaking

Sir/ Madam,

My personal details are as follows:

1.	Arrival Flight No. & Date	
2.	Name	
3.	Mobile No	
4.	Destination District & State	
5.	Residential address (Address Proof to be attached)	
6.	Proof of Identity (copy to be attached)	

I declare that:

- 1) All information hereby provided by me are true and I will bear full responsibility for any false or misleading information.
- 2) I will remain in quarantine after collection of sample for RT-PCR test on arrival at Guwahati Airport, till the declaration of the RT-PCR test result.

I agree that in case of violation of Government instructions/ undertaking, I am liable to be prosecuted as per law.

Signature:

Name:

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6

No.HLB.158/2020/147

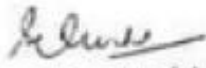
Dated Dispur, the 3 April, 2021.

ORDER

In view of the rising number of COVID-19 cases in some parts of the country, the Government of Assam in Health & Family Welfare Department will undertake the following steps :-

1. All air passengers from Mumbai and Bengaluru disembarking in any airport in Assam will mandatorily need to carry a negative RT-PCR report, conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey. The test report should be verifiable using QR code or otherwise.
2. Airlines are to allow boarding only to those passengers at Mumbai and Bengaluru, who are carrying the negative RT-PCR test report.
3. Any passenger from Mumbai and Bengaluru who arrives without satisfactory RT-PCR test report will have to undergo paid COVID-19 testing at airport and will wait in designated location inside airport premises at his own expense till his test result is available. If the test is positive the passenger will shift to home isolation or hospital, as per treatment protocol.

This order will come into force with effect from 09/04/2021.

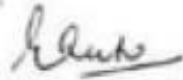

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9. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
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11. All Superintendents of Police, Assam.
12. Director of Medical Education/ Director of Health Services, Assam.
13. All Joint Directors of Health Services, Assam.
14. All Principal cum Chief Superintendents/ Superintendents, Medical College Hospitals, Assam.
15. Airport Director, Airport Authority of India, Borjhar, Guwahati, with a request to issue suitable instructions to the airlines accordingly.
16. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Health & F.W., Assam.
17. P.S. to Hon'ble Ministers of State, Health & F.W., Assam.
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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-8

No.HLA.310/2020/92

Dated Dispur, the 26th February, 2021

ORDER

Whereas, there has been recently a gradual increase in the incidence of COVID-19 cases in few States;

Whereas, new strain of COVID-19 has been discovered in some locations in the country;

Whereas, the COVID-19 vaccination has started and it will take some time for a large segment of the population to be vaccinated;

Whereas, it is now essential that all precautions continue to be taken to contain the spread of COVID-19;

Now, therefore, the order No.HLA.310/2020/90 dated 18/02/2021 (Annexure-i) regarding discontinuation of mandatory COVID-19 testing at airport and railway stations in Assam with effect from 1st March 2021, is hereby kept in abeyance until further orders. COVID-19 screening and testing will continue in all the airports of the State i.e. Guwahati, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tezpur & Lakhimpur and the railway stations as before, as per extant protocols.

Further, the concerned district administration/ Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) officials will ensure that contact tracing protocol is strictly adhered to.


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Memo No.HLA.310/2020/92 – A

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No.HLA. 310/2020/90

Dated Dispur, the 18th February, 2021.

ORDER

Whereas, the Government of Assam has taken all possible steps to combat the COVID-19 pandemic on a war footing;

Whereas, a number of restrictions and precautionary measures have had to be put in place to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, it is heartening that the COVID-19 scenario in the State has shown a marked improvement in recent times, and it has been observed that there is a decreasing trend in terms of positivity rate and the number of cases detected daily;

Whereas, it is also observed that there is widespread awareness among the general public across the State about the precautions to be taken;

Whereas, people have been coming forward voluntarily for COVID-19 testing as and when necessary;

Now, therefore, the Government of Assam in the Health & Family Welfare Department has decided as follows :-

1. There will be no mandatory COVID-19 testing at the airports and railway stations in Assam, with effect from 01/03/2021.
2. The Health & Family Welfare Department will continue to maintain COVID-19 testing facility at designated hospitals. Any person who experiences any symptom of COVID-19 can get tested at these designated hospitals.

The above measures will be reviewed in case there is any increase in the COVID-19 cases, positivity rates etc.

All persons are urged to continue wearing of masks and practise other COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, in larger public interest.



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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6

No.HLB.111/2020/394

Dated Dispur, the 30th October, 2020

ORDER

In partial modification of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for person arriving in Assam from outside the State, the Government of Assam in Health & Family Welfare Department has decided that any person who travels to any location outside the State of Assam and returns back to the State within 24 hours of departure, need not undergo the mandatory COVID-19 test or quarantine.



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Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
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Dated Dispur, the 30th October, 2020.

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No.HLB.111/2020/393

Dated Dispur, the 30th October, 2020.

ORDER

In partial modification of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for persons arriving in Assam from outside the State, the Government of Assam in Health & Family Welfare Department has decided that any person, who has undergone a RT-PCR COVID-19 test within a period of 72 hours prior to arrival in Assam and his/ her test result is negative, is not required to undergo the mandatory COVID-19 test or quarantine on arrival in Assam. This exemption is subject to production of satisfactory documents and verification of the test result on the ICMR portal.



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No.HLB.111/2020/395

Dated Dispur, the 30th October, 2020

ORDER

In partial modification of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for person arriving in Assam from outside the State, the Government of Assam in Health & Family Welfare Department has decided that children below 10 years of age arriving in Assam are exempted from undergoing mandatory COVID-19 test, subject to the condition that the child is asymptomatic.

However, a parent/ guardian may opt to get his/ her ward tested for COVID-19 at the designated testing centre, on voluntary basis.



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DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6**

No.HLB.158/2020/104

Dated Dispur, the 30th October, 2020.

ORDER

In partial modification of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for persons arriving in Assam, the Government of Assam in Health & Family Welfare Department has decided that persons belonging to the following categories are exempted from the COVID-19 testing and quarantine, subject to the compliance with COVID-19 hygiene and social distancing norms during the period of staying Assam :-

1. Foreign dignitary/ diplomats belonging to any Embassy or Diplomatic Mission in India on an official visit.
2. Officials of multilateral funding agencies like World Bank, ADB, JICA etc. on an official visit.
3. Officials of investigation/ intelligence/ agencies such as National Investigation Agency, Central Bureau of Investigation, Enforcement Directorate, Intelligence Bureau etc. on official/ covert visit.
4. Officials of Income Tax Department on official visits.



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**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ASSAM SECRETARIAT, DISPUR**

No.HLA.269/2020/44

Dated Dispur, the 10th September, 2020

ORDER

In view of the issue of the guidelines for the phased re-opening (Unlock 4.0) by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Government of Assam in Health & Family Welfare has decided that a person, who travels to any location outside Assam and returns back to the State within 96 hours of departure, will not be required to undergo quarantine of 10 days, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

- 1) The person will have to undergo Rapid Antigen Test on return. ✓
- 2) If the Rapid Antigen Test result is positive, he/she shall undergo home isolation/ treatment in COVID Care Centre or hospital, as per protocol. ✓
- 3) If the Rapid Antigen Test result is negative, his/her swab sample would be taken for RT-PCR testing and he/she will have to remain in isolation till RT-PCR test result is declared, and an undertaking will be submitted by each person to this effect. If the RT-PCR test result is positive, he/she shall undergo home isolation/ treatment in COVID Care Centre or hospital, as per protocol. If the RT-PCR test result is negative, the person need not undergo any further quarantine.
- 4) The person will strictly comply with hygiene and social distancing norms during the stay outside Assam.

This order is issued in supersession of earlier orders on quarantine of persons arriving in Assam, and comes into force with immediate effect. The order No.HLB 111/2020/340 dated 8th August 2020 regarding travel of Hon'ble Ministers/ officials of the Government of Assam will continue to remain in force.



(Samir K. Sinha, IAS)

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Memo No.HLA.269/2020/44-A

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6

No.HLB 111/2020/328


Dated Dispur, the 26th July, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, as per the existing protocol for passengers arriving from outside the State, they are supposed to undergo a combined institutional quarantine / home quarantine of 14 days.

Whereas, as per new protocol for management and discharge of COVID-19 positive cases in Assam issued vide this Department's order No. .HLB.111/2020/326 dated 24th July 2020, there shall be mandatory 7 days home quarantine for the discharged patients, with active surveillance by the Health Workers;

Now, in view of new developments, it is hereby decided that **period of quarantine for passengers arriving from outside the State is reduced from 14 days to a total period of 10 days, inclusive of days spent in institutional/ hotel quarantine as well as home quarantine.** For instance, if a passenger spends initial 2 days in a hotel / institutional quarantine, then he/ she shall have to spend the remaining duration of 8 days in home quarantine. Similarly, if any passenger directly proceeds for home quarantine, the he/ she shall spend 10 days in home quarantine. However, if the RT-PCR test result of such passengers turns out positive in the interim, steps will be taken as per standard procedure.


(Samir K. Sinha, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
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Memo. No.HLB 111/2020/328- A.

Dated Dispur, the 24th July, 2020

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6. Shri Harmeet Singh, IPS, ADGP (S)
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 26/7/20

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Health & Family Welfare Department

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR: GUWAHATI**

No.HLB. 111/2020/229

Dated, Dispur the 24th May, 2020

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)
FOR
AIR PASSENGERS**

1. Background

1.1. The Government of India has decided to resume domestic air travel of passengers with effect from 25th May 2020. In order to ensure safety of the passengers during prevailing circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic, health protocols are hereby prescribed for compliance in respect of air passengers on arrival and departure within the State of Assam which will be implemented in conjunction with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

2. Arrangements at airports by district administration

2.1. Facility for planned exit of passengers

2.2. Deputy Commissioner will set up thermal scanning booths manned by medical staff.

2.3. Deputy Commissioner will set up booths outside the airport building to collect undertakings etc. from passengers who are not required to undergo institutional quarantine immediately after arrival.

2.4. Deputy Commissioner will ensure that social distancing/ hygiene is maintained outside the airport by Airport Authority of India.

3. Transportation arrangements/ options:

3.1. State Government will run bus services four times a day from Guwahati airport to locations grouped such as (a) Lower Assam districts (b) Upper Assam Districts (c) North Assam districts etc. Passengers may avail these services on payment basis.

3.2. Passengers can hire authorised taxis. Details of such taxis/ driver must be given in the undertakings to be submitted by the passengers to the district administration.

3.3. Passengers can use private vehicles. Details of such vehicle/ driver must be given in the undertakings to be submitted by the passengers to district administration.

3.4. Government sector visitors may use Government allotted vehicles.

3.5. All social distancing/ hygiene norms must be complied with during travel.

[Handwritten Signature]
24/5/20

4. Arrivals

4.1. Passenger Manifest

4.1.1. Airlines are mandated to furnish the passengers manifest in the prescribed format to the State Governments as per requirement. A proforma which can be integrated with existing data capture system, shall accordingly be provided to all airlines by Deputy Commissioner such that required passenger identification and contact details will be provided. Such a manifest shall be provided in advance of the arrival of a flight.

4.1.2. Local Deputy Commissioners will communicate the manifest to National Health Mission which will segregate the data into district-wise lists and forward the same to the concerned Deputy Commissioners and other agencies for advance planning/ action.

4.2. General Quarantine norms for passengers:

4.2.1. Pilots, Air crew and maintenance staff, whether of passenger or cargo aircraft, will not be quarantined in view of their already being subjected to strict health protocols mandated by Ministry of Civil Aviation.

4.2.2. All passengers will mandatorily be temperature scanned on arrival. Disembarked Passengers must be made to walk to the health desks in a group of 20-25 maintaining social distancing of 1 metre each.

4.2.3. Any symptomatic passenger having his/ her destination within Assam, will be segregated and taken to nearest Zonal/ District Screening Camp etc.

4.2.4. Asymptomatic passengers, other than the exempted categories, will have to undergo combined institutional quarantine and home quarantine of at least 14 days. The period of institutional quarantine of a passenger will be 7 days or till his/ her RT-PCR COVID-19 test results are declared, whichever is earlier, followed by home quarantine for remaining period of quarantine after due hand stamping.

4.2.4.1. Asymptomatic passengers of Kamrup (Metro), Darrang, Morigaon, Hojai will travel to one of the two nearby Screening Centres set up by Kamrup (Metro) district administration at Sarusajai and Kiranshree Grand, where swab sample will be taken for RT-PCR COVID-19 test prior to being taken for institutional quarantine arranged by Kamrup (Metro) district administration.

4.2.4.2. Asymptomatic passengers of districts other those mentioned in Para 4.2.4.1 will travel to their respective district's designated screening camp, where swab will be taken for COVID-19 test prior to being sent for institutional quarantine arranged by local district administration. Such asymptomatic passengers will be allowed to travel



only after furnishing undertaking to district administration officials at airport as per indicative format at Annexure-II.

4.2.5.Exemptions to stipulation under **Para 4.2.4** falling in one of the following categories shall be allowed to go for **home quarantine for 14 days**, after hand stamping subject to the condition that the passengers are **asymptomatic**. In such a situation, the entire residence will become a containment zone during the quarantine period.

4.2.5.1. Pregnant women.

4.2.5.2. Elderly person, over 75 years and requiring assistance.

4.2.5.3. Person due to attend funeral and rituals associated with death of an immediate relative.

4.2.5.4. Children below 10 years of age along with their parents & siblings

4.2.5.5. Divyang.

4.2.5.6. Immediate relative of hospitalised patient.

4.2.5.7. Patients who have recently undergone cardiac, kidney, cancer treatment/surgery/ transplant.

4.2.6.Exemptions to stipulation under **Para 4.2.4** falling in one of the following categories shall be allowed to go for **home quarantine for 10 days**, after hand stamping subject to the condition that the passengers are **asymptomatic**. In such a situation, the entire residence will become a containment zone during the quarantine period. They are duty bound to report development of any symptom to 104 helpline number.

4.2.6.1. Completed mandated quarantine period of 14 days within the previous two weeks of arrival and had tested negative for RT-PCR COVID-19 within the previous 7 days, prior to arrival.

4.2.6.2. Tested negative for RT-PCR COVID-19 test within the previous 3 days prior to arrival.

4.2.7. Exempted category passengers under **para 4.2.5 & 4.2.6** will submit **undertaking** as per indicative format at Annexure-I at air passenger screening centre.

4.2.8. Option of undergoing Institutional Quarantine in either Government funded facility/ hotels or self-paid hotels will be provided to air passengers who are advised institutional quarantine. Deputy Commissioner will allow option of self-paid hotel only obtaining an **undertaking** from the person that all expenditure for such stay (inclusive of food) will be made by the individual and that he/ she is fully willing to be quarantined in the hotel for a duration of minimum 14 days, if required by district administration.

4.3. Exemption from Quarantine for short – duration visitors

4.3.1. Following categories of passengers will be exempted from the general quarantine norms, **provided they are asymptomatic:**

4.3.1.1. Any **passenger on a day long visit** i.e. he/ she arrives and departs on the same day from Assam **without night halt**. This is however subject to the person strictly complying with all hygiene and social distancing norms during the period of stay in Assam and violation of such norms will make him liable to undergo quarantine for the specified period before departing. **Undertaking** will be submitted by the passenger to the district administration officials **at airport** as per **indicative format at Annexure-II**

4.3.2. Government of India/ State Governments officials on official duty with prior intimation to Government of Assam and having **night halt** in suitable **isolated accommodation arranged by Government of Assam/ Government of India or associated organisations**, will be allowed to return without undergoing quarantine, subject to the person strictly complying with all hygiene and social distancing norms during the period of stay. **Undertaking** will be submitted by the official to the district administration officials **at air passenger screening centre**, as per **indicative format at Annexure-I**


5. Military & Paramilitary passengers

5.1. All passengers travelling in capacity of military or para-military personnel on official duty will be allowed to directly travel to their respective cantonment/ camp where they will be quarantined.

5.2. **Prior intimation** of arrivals will have to be given to District Magistrate of disembarking airport district by an authorised senior officer of the military wing/ para-military force, which will include identification details of all arriving personnel along with a declaration that (a) all arriving personnel are asymptomatic and (b) all State Government instructions for quarantine, testing etc. will be complied with. State Government will arrange collection of swab samples for COVID-19 testing.

6. Transit Passengers

6.1. All transit passengers travelling to other North Eastern States will be allowed to depart for their respective destination State directly from the airport provided they do not have any stoppages in Assam. **Undertaking** will be submitted by the transit passengers to the district administration officials at **airport** as per **indicative format at Annexure-II**.


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7. Dignitaries/ VVIPs

7.1. Visiting Dignitaries/ VVIPs including Hon'ble Governors, Members of Council of Ministers of Government of India/ State Governments (other than State of Assam), Hon'ble Judges etc. will be exempted from General Quarantine norms, subject to accommodation being arranged in State Bhawans/ exclusive guest houses etc., while complying with all social distancing and hygiene norms during the period of stay in Assam.

8. Departures

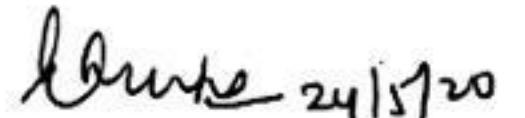
8.1. All departing passengers will be scanned by the medical staff outside airport.

8.2. The body temperature of each passenger will be taken. Ministry of Civil Aviation norms prescribes that symptomatic passengers should not be allowed to enter the airport. Such symptomatic passengers will then be made to comply with standard health protocols.

9. Penal provisions

9.1. Any person violating the instructions contained herein will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of the Assam COVID-19 Regulations, 2020, Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

This SOP comes into force with immediate effect.



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Dated Dispur the 24th May, 2020

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