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ORDER UNDER RULE-11 FOR DISCLOSURE OF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

WHEREAS, the world Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic and Government of India has directed State Governments to take necessary steps to prevent and control to spread of this disease under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

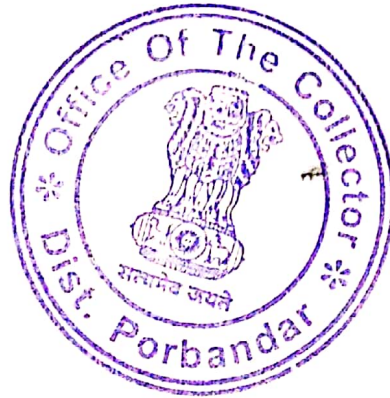
AND WHEREAS, the Government of Gujarat is exercise of the power conferred under Section 2,3,4 of the Epidemic Disease Act,1897 has framed Regulations for Prevention and containment of COVID-19 under Order No.GP/NCV/102020/SF-1/G dated 13th March,2020.

WHEREAS, several positive cases have been found in the Porbandar district, and it is necessary in public interest to take adequate steps to stop further spread of COVID-19. There is a requirement to undertake detailed contact tracing exercise to find out all the people who could have been potentially infected by every COVID-19 positive case. This exercise is highly cumbersome and becomes difficult if the names of cases are not known to the general public,

Therefore, in larger public interest and with a view to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to strike a balance between the privacy of an individual and the larger public interest of the society, I D.N.Modi, District Magistrate and Collector, Porbandar District, Porbandar city in exercise of powers conferred upon me hereby direct to implement the following direction in order to prevent further spread of COVID-19 which is contagious in nature:

The name of persons already found positive may be declared in larger public interest so that other people who could who have potentially come in contact with them can voluntarily inform the authorities and isolate themselves and thereby avoid becoming unsuspecting carriers of the virus.

However, it is hereby directed that no member of the public shall indulge in commission or omission of any act of social discrimination, directly or indirectly, against the names so declared and/or their family members. Any violation of the same shall be punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code and the provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.



(D.N.Modi)
District Magistrate &
Collector, Porbandar