Order on COVID-19

 Whereas, the rapid spread of Covid-19 virus in India is cause of serious concern and it is imperative to prevent entry of the virus into the vulnerable Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

 And whereas, the symptoms of COVID-19 commonly appear within two to 14 days after exposure and include fever, cough, a runny nose and difficulty in breathing.

 And whereas Section 24 (b) of Disaster Management Act, 2005 empowers the State Executive Committee to control and restrict the entry of any person into, his movement within and departure from, a vulnerable or affected area.

 Now therefore, an exercise of above powers, it is hereby ordered that all people coming from outside the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, through any means, will have to mandatorily undertake a 14 day home quarantine, to prevent community spread of the disease.

 And that any person who refuses to comply with the above direction shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, as per section 50 of the above said act.

 This issues with the approval of competent authority.

 [Signature]

 Member Secretary
 UT Disaster Management Executive Committee
 A&N Islands