



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**  
**Minority Welfare, Waqf and Hajj Department**  
**Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru**

**Sub:** Suspension of Congregational Prayers (Salat) and guidelines for Ramadan in the Masajid / Dargahs due to COVID-19 upto 03-05-2020.-reg.

- Ref:** 1. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dtd: 15.04.2020, of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Direction / Advisory Notice No.55(1)/2017-CWC(C&S) dtd:13-04-2020, of Secretary to Government, Central Waqf Council, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.
3. Circular Dated. 23.03.2020 issued by this office.
4. Chief Executive Officer KSBA's Order No.KSBA/ADM/21/16-17 dtd: 29-03-2020 & 31-03-2020
5. Order dated: 30-03-2020 of W.P. No.6435/2020 – C/W- W.P. No.6671/2020 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.
6. Directions issued by Imarat-e-Sharia, Karnataka on 14-04-2020.

**PREAMBLE**

Fasting in the Holy month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam and it is considered as the most blessed month by the Muslims around the World, Ramadan is to commence from 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

Government of India has issued an order cited under Ref (1) above, stating that all religious places / places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited due to outbreak of COVID-19 across the country.

The Secretary to Government Central Waqf Council, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, have issued direction/advisory notice cited under Ref (2) above, that suspension of gathering for congregational prayers/majlis, Iftaar in Masajid, Dargahs, Imam Bara's etc. during the month of Ramadan to prevent spread of Corona Virus.

This office has issued circular cited under Ref (3) above, that Azan shall be given at low decibel and Namaz (Prayer) including Friday prayers to be performed by the Pesh Imams, Muazzans and Masjid staff only. No public should be allowed to offer Namaz in the Masajid as per Government directions.

The Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka State Board of Auqaf has issued an Order cited at Ref (4) above, that No public shall be allowed to offer Namaz in the Masajid / Dargahs including Jumma Namaz and all the Management of Masajid / Dargahs throughout the State to make announcements of pre-recorded authorized audio clip in three languages (four times in a day) through public address system of Masajid / Dargahs

The Imarat-e-Sharia, Karnataka have issued directions cited at Ref (6) above to all the Muslims of Karnataka, regarding Ramadan Sahri / Fasting / Iftar / offering Taraveeh prayers during the lockdown, which have to be duly followed by all the Muslims across the State.

The Chief Executive Officer KSBA has already issued orders regarding suspension of congregational prayers in all the Masajid / Dargahs throughout the State till 14-04-2020. In view of the extension of lockdown upto 03-05-2020 and the impending holy

