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Part II—Section 2

Notifications or Orders of interest to a Section of the public issued by Secretariat Departments.

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 - LOCKDOWN EXTENDED IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS WITH EXISTING GUIDELINES AND RELAXATIONS - INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES COMPLETE LOCKDOWN ENFORCED THROUGHOUT THE STATE TILL 24.05.2021 - EXTENDED UP TO 06.00 A.M. ON 31.05.2021 WITH FURTHER RESTRICTIONS UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2005.

The following Government Order is published:-

[G.O. Ms. No. 386, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), 22nd May 2021, Vaikasi 8, Pilava, Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2052.]

No. II(2)/REVDM/315(b)/2021.

WHEREAS on considering the recommendations of the expert team of Doctors and Public Health Specialists and based on the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, day-to-day increase in Covid-19 positive cases, State-wide complete lockdown was **enforced throughout the State with effect from 4.00A.M. on 10.05.2021 to 4.00A.M. on 24.05.2021** in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

2. Now, therefore the Government in accordance with the Press Release dated 22.05.2021 issue the following order under Disaster Management Act, 2005 extending complete lock down upto 06.00 A.M. on 31.05.2021.

I. The following activities alone shall be permitted during the complete lockdown from 04.00 A.M. on 24.05.2021 till 06.00 A.M. on 31.05.2021.

i. Medical Shops including Indigenous Medical Shops and Veterinary Pharmacies.

ii. Supply of Milk, Water and distribution of Newspapers.

iii. Fruits and Vegetables shall be provided to the general Public through Horticulture, Agriculture, Agriculture and Marketing Departments in all districts through mobile vehicles in co-ordination with the Local Bodies.

iv. Departments dealing with essential services in Secretariat, District Collectorate, and other departments including Treasuries who deal with essential services shall function.

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v. Staff working in Private Organizations, Insurance institutions, IT I/ITEs may Work from Home.

vi. E-commerce services shall be permitted from 08.00A.M. to 06.00P.M.

vii. Parcel food only shall be permitted in the hotels, restaurants and bakeries from 6.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M., 12.00 Noon to 3.00P.M. and 6.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. E-commerce food delivery entities like Swiggy, Zomato shall be permitted to operate only during this time schedule.

viii. Petrol and Diesel Bunks shall be permitted to function as usual.
LPG deliveries will continue.

ix. ATMs and related banking services shall be permitted. Banks with 1/3rd of staff can function.

x. Transportation of agricultural produce and agricultural inputs shall be permitted.

xi. Goods vehicles and transportation of essential commodities shall be permitted.

xii. Inter district travel shall be permitted for medical emergencies and funeral last rites with e-registration.

xiii. Intra district travel shall be permitted for medical emergencies without e-registration.

xiv. Print and Electronic Media & Telecommunication Services shall be permitted as usual.

xv. Continuous Process Industries and Industries manufacturing essential commodities as listed in G.O.(Ms). No.348, Revenue and Disaster-Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 20.04.2021 along with in-situ construction works are permitted to function adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures and other safety measures issued already. However, the following industrial units shall not be permitted to operate during this complete lockdown:

1. Export units, units which have export commitments or export orders and their vendor units providing inputs to such industries.

2. Vertically integrated large Textile units.

11. General:-

i. Since complete lock down is extended upto 06.00A.M. on 31.05.2021, stand alone shops except Malls shall be permitted to operate till 09.00 P.M. on 22.05.2021 and from 06.00 A.M. to 09.00P.M. on 23.05.2021, Sunday for the welfare of the general public.

ii. To facilitate the outstation travel of the passengers, both public and private bus transport shall be permitted on 22.05.2021 and on 23.05.2021, Sunday.

3. The Government also orders that no activities shall be permitted in the Containment Zones.

4. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/District Collectors concerned shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors concerned may initiate appropriate action for imposing fines on persons not wearing face masks in public and work places. Further, the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities shall be strictly enforced by the authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their short observance.

5. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

6. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation / District Collectors concerned are instructed to ensure the strict enforcement of the guidelines, adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities and the National Directives for Covid-19 Management as in Annexure I.

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Chief Secretary.

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Annexure-I

NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places. Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.
   Additional directives for Work Places
4. **Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
5. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
6. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and of hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
7. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
8. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers and other staff.

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