ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – 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 is ordered to be enforced throughout the State from 04.00 A.M. on 10.05.2021 to 04.00 A.M. on 24.05.2021 - Notification – Issued.

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.371 **Dated : 08.05.2021**

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Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.152, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 23.03.2020
2. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 25.03.2020.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated:25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.193, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 15.04.2020
5. G.O.(Ms)No.198, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 20.04.2020.
6. G.O.(Ms)No.217 Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated:03.5.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
7. G.O.(Ms)No.245 Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated:18.05.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
8. G.O.(Ms)No.262 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM- II) Department, dated:31.05.2020.
9. GO.Ms.No.299 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, Dated: 16.06.2020.
10. GO.Ms.No.305, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, Dated: 17.06.2020.

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11. GO.Ms.No.314, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, Dated : 22.06.2020
12. GO.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, Dated: 30.06.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
13. GO.Ms.No.396, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, Dated: 31.07.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
14. GO.Ms.No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 31.08.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
15. G.O.Ms.No.541, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 30.09.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
16. G.O.Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 31.10.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
17. G.O.Ms.No.673, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 30.11.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
18. G.O.Ms.No.820, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 31.12.2020 and amendments issued thereon
19. G.O.Ms.No.84, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated : 31.01.2021 and amendments issued thereon.
20. G.O.Ms.No.318, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 28.02.2021 and amendments issued thereon.
21. G.O.Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 31.03.2021 and amendments issued thereon.
22. G.O.Ms.No.342, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 08.04.2021.
23. G.O.Ms.No.343, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 10.04.2021.
24. G.O.Ms.No.346, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 18.04.2021.
25. G.O.Ms.No.348, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, Dated: 20.04.2021.

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26. G.O.Ms.No.351, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 24.04.2021.
27. G.O. Ms.No.354, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 26.04.2021.
28. G.O.Ms.No.361, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 29.04.2021.
29. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 29.04.2021.
30. G.O. Ms.No.364, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 29.04.2021.
31. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Press Release No.08, dated 08.05.2021.

NOTIFICATION

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, State-wide lockdown was extended from time to time and lastly extended until further orders till 24:00 hrs of 30.04.2021 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in GO.Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 31.03.2021 with various relaxations and certain restrictions.

2. Subsequently, orders have been issued by the Government **enforcing Night Curfew from 10.00 P.M. to 4.00 A.M.** with many restrictions and also enforcing **complete lock down on Sundays** by prohibiting certain permitted activities and permitting / prohibiting certain activities **on other days from 01.05.2021 until further orders** vide Government Orders 22nd to 29th read above for the effective containment of Covid-19.

3. Thereafter, considering the day-to-day increase in Covid-19 positive cases, taking into account the suggestions of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India to prohibit certain activities, **certain new restrictions** were imposed **with effect from 4.00 A.M. of 06.05.2021 to 4.00 A.M. of 20.05.2021** throughout the State, in order to control the spread of COVID-19 vide G.O. 30th read above.

4. In the Government Press Release 31st read above, it has been stated considering the views expressed by the District Collectors during the meeting held through Video Conference on 7.5.2021 and in consultation with the Medical experts, taking into account the suggestions of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of

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India to prohibit certain activities, **complete lock down is being enforced throughout the State with effect from 4.00 A.M. of 10.05.2021 to 4.00 A.M. of 24.05.2021** due to unavoidable reasons throughout the State, in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

5. Now, therefore the Government in accordance with the Press Release 31st read above, issue the following order under Disaster Management Act, 2005 **imposing complete lock down from 4.00 A.M. on 10.05.2021 to 4.00 A.M. on 24.05.2021.**

I. The following activities shall continue to remain prohibited during the Complete Lock down period:-

i. All international air travel of passengers, except for the purposes as permitted by MHA.

ii. In order to monitor the passengers coming by air and train from foreign countries and other states, e-registration (https://eregister.tnega.org) shall continue to be in force. Passengers will be permitted to travel from / to railway stations / airports with travel ticket.

iii. **Big format shops (showrooms with a size of 3000 sq. ft. and above), Shopping Complex and Malls, have been prohibited to operate already from 26.04.2021.** Provision Stores and Vegetable Shops functioning in Shopping Complex and Malls are also not permitted. Standalone shops selling provisions, vegetables, meat and fish shall be permitted to function till 12.00 Noon **without air conditioning facility.** Further, maximum 50% customers, at a time shall be allowed in these shops. E-commerce entities like Dunzo shall be permitted to deliver provisions, vegetables, meat and fish only upto 12.00 Noon. All other shops, other than provision stores, vegetable shops, meat and fish stalls shall remain closed.

iv. TASMAC shops shall remain closed during the complete lockdown period.

v. **Parcel food (Take away service) alone** shall be permitted in all Restaurants, Hotels, Bakeries and Mess from 6.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M., 12.00 Noon to 3.00 P.M. and 6.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. **Tea Shops** shall be permitted to operate till 12 Noon only. Dine-in facility shall not be permitted in Restaurants, Hotels, Mess and Tea Shops. Food shall be served to the Guests in Hotels and Lodges in their rooms only and the Guests shall not be permitted to dine in the restaurants attached to Hotels and Lodges.

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vi. **Hotels and Lodges, except those meant for the guests staying for business purpose and medical related activities shall be prohibited.**

vii. **All Social/ political / sports / entertainment / academic/ cultural/ festival** related and other gathering **in both open and closed spaces shall be prohibited.**

viii. As already ordered, the number of persons in respect of **funeral / last rites shall not exceed 20.**

ix. **Beauty Parlour, Hair cutting Saloons, Spas shall not be permitted to operate throughout the State.**

x. **All Cinemas / Multiplex / Theatres, Gymnasiums, Yoga training centres, Recreation Clubs, all Bars, Auditoriums, Exhibition Halls, Entertainment / Amusement Parks, Meeting Halls and other similar places shall remain closed.**

xi. Fruits and Vegetable **retail outlets** in Koyambedu Market Complex shall be prohibited. Similarly, fruits and vegetable **retail outlets** in Wholesale Markets in all the districts shall also remain prohibited.

xii. **All Government Offices,** except the essential departments viz., Secretariat, Medical and Family Welfare, Revenue, Disaster Management, Police, Home guards, Fire and Rescue Services, Prisons, District Administration, District Industries Centres, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection, Electricity, Drinking Water Supply, Local Bodies, Forest Offices, Treasuries, Social Welfare and Women Rights Offices **shall remain closed.** The Heads of Department shall make necessary arrangements for the transportation of their staff. Office of the Government of India, its Autonomous/Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations shall remain closed.

Exceptions: Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, Treasury Public, Utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), Disaster Management, Power generation and transmission units, Post Offices, National Informatics Centre, Early Warning Agencies.

- Term Treasury includes Pay & Accounts Offices, Financial Advisers and field Offices of the Controller General of Accounts, **with bare minimum staff**.
- Customs clearance at ports/airports/land border; GSTN; and MCA 21 Registry, **with bare minimum staff**.

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- Reserve Bank of India and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCL, CCIL, Payment system operators and standalone primary dealers, **with bare minimum staff.**

xiii. All Private Offices, Private organizations, IT / ITEs shall remain closed. All Industries other than those which are exempted during complete lock down shall remain closed. The above establishments shall adopt the Work from Home strategy.

xiv. **All religious places / places of worship shall be closed for public worship. However, essential Poojas / Prarthanas / Rituals are permitted to be conducted only by the employees of the respective religious place**. Kudamuzhukku / Thiruvizha shall not be permitted.

xv. **Both local and outstation tourists shall not be permitted** in all the Tourist places like Nilgiris District, Kodaikanal and Yercaud.

xvi. **All Beaches** across the State shall be **closed for public** on all days.

xvii. **Parks/Gardens, Zoological Parks, Museums, Archaeological Monuments and Excavation sites** across the State shall be **closed for public** on all days.

xviii. Schools, Colleges, Universities, all Educational training institutions, Government, Private Coaching/training centres, Summer Camps shall remain closed.

xix. Swimming Pools and Sports training academies shall remain closed.

xx. **Chennai Metro Rail Services,** both Private and Public Bus Transport within the districts (Intra District) and between the districts (Inter-District), Rental Vehicles, Taxis, Cab aggregation shall remain prohibited. However, travel for essential activities viz., marriage, funeral/last rites of close relatives, interview/employment, medical emergency shall be permitted with proper documents.

xxi. During the complete lock down, **all e-commerce services other than e-commerce entities delivering food, provisions, vegetables, meat and fish only shall not be permitted.**

II. The following activities shall be permitted during the complete lockdown except in Containment Zones.

i. Essential services such as supply of milk, distribution of newspapers, courier service, hospitals, medical labs, pharmaceutical shops, ambulance and hearse vehicle Services and allied medical related activities, goods vehicles, vehicles carrying agricultural produce of farmers, oxygen, Fuel Vehicles (Petrol, Diesel and LPG), will be permitted during the complete

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lockdown. Shops selling agricultural inputs viz., pesticides, fertilizers, seed and fodder shops shall be permitted to function from 6.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon.

ii. During complete lockdown, Parcel food only shall be permitted in the **Restaurants, Hotels, Bakeries and Mess** from 6.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M., 12.00 Noon to 3.00P.M.and **6.00 P.M. to 9.00P.M.** E-commerce food delivery entities like Swiggy, Zomato shall be permitted to operate only during this time schedule. Road-side eateries shall not be permitted to operate.

iii. Amma Canteens shall continue to function.

iv. Platform vendors selling vegetables and flowers alone shall be permitted upto to 12.00 Noon.

v. Public Distribution Shops shall be permitted to function from 8.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon.

vi. Volunteers, Caregivers for persons with special needs, differently abled, senior citizens, patients shall be permitted to travel by carrying their ID cards/permission letters issued by the respective organizations or by self certification by persons being cared for.

vii. Judiciary and Courts.

viii. Ongoing construction works with in-situ labour force shall be permitted.

ix. Both Electronic and Print Media shall continue to operate.

x. Continuous Process Industries and Industries manufacturing essential commodities as listed G.O. Ms.No.348, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 20.04.2021 and match industry are permitted with safety measures in place. Staff / Workers of the above industries shall be permitted to travel in the vehicles organized by the above industries or in their own vehicles by carrying their ID Cards/ permission letters issued by the respective organizations.

xi. Marriages and marriage related gathering shall be permitted with guests not exceeding 50 and in respect of funeral / last rites, the number of persons shall not exceed 20 with the restrictions imposed already.

xii. Telecommunication and its related activities shall be permitted.

xiii. Maintenance and operations of data centres and other critical IT infrastructure needed to support backend operations of medical, financial, transport and other critical services.

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xiv. Warehousing activities including loading, unloading and storage of goods.

xv. In the case of other industries that are not exempted, essential maintenance needed for the purposes of fire safety, machine safety and worker safety shall be permitted.

xvi. Movement of Goods and workers to / from all sea ports and air ports during complete lockdown shall be permitted.

xvii. Petrol and Diesel Bunks shall be permitted to operate.

xviii. Banks, ATMs, bank related transport, insurance services, SEBI regulated financial entities shall be permitted to operate with maximum 50% workforce.

III. General

i. The Covid-19 management guidelines viz., wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing shall be strictly adhered in the shops which have been permitted, failing which appropriate action will be initiated against the proprietor of the shops.

ii. Since complete lock down is to be enforced from 10.05.2021, all shops and establishments shall operate from 06.00 A.M. to 09.00 P.M. on 08.05.2021 (Saturday) and 09.05.2021 (Sunday) in order to enable the general public and business establishments pre-plan and make necessary arrangements.

6. The Government also orders that no activities shall be permitted in the **Containment Zones** and that the restrictions in the Containment Zones would be further intensified.

7. 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.

8. 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 Section188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

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9. 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**

(By order of the Governor)

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To

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai -600003.
All District Collector / District Judges/ District Magistrates.
The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-600001.
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The Registrar General, High Court of Madras, Chennai-600 104.
The Registrar, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
All Constitutional / Statutory Bodies including
All State Corporation, Local Bodies, Boards, Universities, Commissions, Companies, Institutions, Societies, etc.
The Accountant General, Chennai-600 0018.
The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-600 035.
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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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