ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Lockdown extended in the territorial jurisdictions of the State of Tamil Nadu till 24:00 hrs of 30.4.2021 with existing guidelines and relaxations – Further restrictions - Notification – Issued

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REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No. 342 **Dated: 08.04.2021**

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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 (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
7. G.O.(Ms)No.245 Revenue and Disaster Management (DMII), 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: 16.6.2020.
10. GO.Ms.No.305, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 17.6.2020.
11. GO.Ms.No.314, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department,Dated : 22.6.2020
12. GO.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 30.06.2020 and amendments issued thereon.

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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 : 31.1.2021.
20. G.O. Ms.No.318, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated : 28.2.2021.
21. G.O. Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated : 31.3.2021.
22. From the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, letter No.OCI/563/2020, Dated 7.4.2021.
23. Press Release Dated : 8.4.2021

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 till 24:00 hrs of 30.4.2021 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in GO.Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 31.3.2021 with various relaxations and certain restrictions.

2. It is informed that despite effective containment activities taken up, there has been considerable increase in the number of COVID-19 cases day by day across the State in the recent days and the very reason for the increase in the number of positive cases is due non adherence of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour viz., wearing of face masks in the public places, maintaining social distancing, following the Standard Operating Procedures etc., by the General Public. The Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu held a discussion with expert team of Doctors and Public Health Specialists on 23.3.2021, Secretaries of

various departments and Public Health and Medical Experts on 5.4.2021 and 7.4.2021 and they observed that besides taking effective containment measures, restrictions should also be intensified across the State in order to control the spread of COVID-19. Based on the outcome of the discussion and taking into account the increasing trend of COVID-19 cases across the State, it becomes imperative to impose certain restrictions as part of the graded and dynamic response for the effective containment of COVID-19 in the State.

3. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration in the letter 22nd read above has suggested certain restrictions and accordingly requested to issue amendment to G.O. Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated : 31.3.2021.

4. The Government based on the proposal of Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration hereby issue following amendment to G.O.Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated 31.3.2021 as detailed below **with effect from 10.4.2021**:

A. The following content shall be added as Section (ii) and Section (iii) under Caption I – (Under Prohibited Activities):-

ii. Considering the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, **'Tiruvizhakkal' and religious congregations** shall remain prohibited.

iii. 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.

B. The following content shall be added as Caption I-A (Permitted Activities) after Caption I.

I-A. The following activities shall be allowed with restrictions in addition to the existing permitted activities throughout the State including the areas falling under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police (Except in containment zones):

The General Public should co-operate for the effective containment of COVID-19. Further, the management of industries, shopping complex, Private Organizations, Offices and restaurants shall ensure Thermal Scanning, Use of Hand Sanitizers and Wearing of Face Masks by their employees, officials and general public. Persons without face masks shall not be allowed to enter the premises.

i. **Industries shall be permitted to function** by strictly following the Standard Operating Procedures already issued by Government. **Industrial establishments shall arrange**

for the vaccination of their employees based on the guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time and stern action would be initiated against the industries and organisations in case of violation of the Standard Operating Procedures.

ii. By following the Standard Operating Procedures, **both public and private intra-state bus transport** and **Metropolitan Buses operated in Greater Chennai limits shall be permitted.** However, the **passengers** should be restricted to the seating capacity available in the buses and **passengers shall not be permitted to travel standing.**

iii. **Buses to Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are being operated.** Considering the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, the **passengers** be **restricted to the seating capacity in the buses and passengers shall not be allowed to travel standing.**

iv. **All shops including vegetable shops, provision stores, shopping malls, big show rooms and big format stores shall be permitted** to function **till 11.00 P.M. with maximum of 50% customer capacity at a time** and by strictly following the Standard Operating Procedures viz., wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, hand sanitation etc.,

v. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **restaurants, food courts and tea shops shall be permitted** to operate **till 11.00 P.M. with 50% of seating capacity. Take away (parcel food)** will be **permitted upto 11.00 P.M.**

vi. **Recreation Clubs** shall be **permitted** to function **with 50% seating capacity.**

vii. **Entertainment / Amusement parks, auditoriums, assembly halls, Zoological Parks, Museums and other similar places** shall be **permitted** to function **with 50% of the capacity** by following the Standard Operating Procedure.

viii. **Cinemas/theatres/Multiplexes** shall be **permitted** to function **with 50% of the seating capacity** by following the Standard Operating Procedure issued already.

ix. **All social/ political/ academic/ entertainment/ sports/ cultural and other functions** shall be **permitted in closed spaces with a maximum ceiling of 200 persons** after duly following the Standard Operating Procedures.

x. By following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Marriage** related gathering shall be **permitted with guests not exceeding 100** and in respect of **Funeral/last rites**, the **number of persons shall not exceed 50.**

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xi. **Stadia and Play Grounds** shall be **permitted** to function for **conducting sports competitions.** However, **spectators shall not be permitted.**

xii. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Swimming Pools** shall be **permitted only for sports training.**

xiii. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Exhibition Halls** shall be **permitted only for Business to Business purposes.**

xiv. **All religious places / places of worship** shall be permitted **for public worship till 8.00 P.M.** by strictly following the **Standard Operating Procedures issued by Government on 31.08.2020. However, essential rituals are permitted with the participation of only the employees of the respective religious place. Religious congregations** and **'Tiruvizhakkal'** shall **remain prohibited in all religious places / places of worship.**

xv. **Shooting of Films relating to Cinema Industry including T.V. serial shooting shall continue to be permitted.** However, the **respective production establishment shall ensure that the artists and workers involved in the shooting undergo RTPCR Tests / Vaccination.**

xvi. **Rental vehicles and Taxis including Cab aggregation** have **already been permitted** to ply **with three passengers excluding driver** from 1.7.2020. However, there shall be **strict enforcement of the restriction imposed on the number of passengers.**

xvii. **Autos** have **already been permitted** to ply **with two passengers excluding driver** from 1.7.2020. However, there shall be **strict enforcement of the restriction imposed on the number of passengers.**

xviii. **The E-registration system (https://eregister.tnega.org) shall continue to be in force for the persons coming to Tamil Nadu from other States (other than State of Puducherry, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh) and other countries.**

With a view to contain the spread of disease in **Greater Chennai Corporation limits, field level teams would be formed for each of the zones** in order to **monitor the situation.** Similarly, **monitoring teams shall also be formed in all the districts.**

In order to **curb the movement of persons in the Containment Zones, team of officials from Police, Local Bodies and Health Department will be formed for physical monitoring of the containment zone round the clock (24 x 7).** Besides continuing the

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containment activities, focus volunteers would also be involved to cater to the essential needs of the people living in Containment Zones.

Instructions are issued to Health, Police, Revenue Departments and Local Bodies **for intensifying the fever camps, surveillance of persons with fever,** cough and cold on a daily basis and contact tracing etc. The District Collectors, Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation and Heads of Departments concerned are also **instructed to strictly enforce** the National Directives for Covid-19 Management viz., **wearing of masks in public places, maintaining social distancing, hand hygiene** etc., to control the spread of COVID-19.

(By Order of the Governor)

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