ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Lockdown extended in the territorial jurisdictions of the State of Tamil Nadu with existing guidelines and certain relaxations upto 06.00 A.M. of 23.08.2021 - Notification – Issued.

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.504 **Dated: 07.08.2021**
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திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2052,

Read:

1. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 25.03.2020.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
3. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 28.07.2021.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.491, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.IV) Department, dated 31.07.2021.
5. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Press Release No.574, dated 06.08.2021.
6. Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration Lr.No.OCI/563/2020, dated 06.08.2021.

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ORDER:-

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS on considering the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic scenario and as per the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown was enforced throughout the State **with effect from 4.00 A.M. of 10.05.2021 to 6.00 A.M. of 09.08.2021**, in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

2) The Hon'ble Chief Minister conducted review meeting to evaluate the Corona prevention activities on 06.08.2021 with the Medical experts. Based on the prevailing pandemic situation, Government hereby order under Disaster Management Act, 2005 to extend the lockdown **from 09.08.2021 to 06.00 A.M. on 23.08.2021** with the following instructions.

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A) In order to avoid public gathering at the same place and at the same time, all the religious places and places of worship shall remain closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

B) In view of the local restrictions enforced in the market and other crowded places by the District Collectors/Corporation Commissioners and Police Departments the spread of the disease is under control. Therefore, the District Collectors and Police Officers should continue taking strict action to enforce the Government guidelines.

C) The Medical Experts have unanimously emphasized the importance of reopening the schools considering the facts, viz depression among the school going children, huge learning gap in the society and non-availability of facilities for attending online classes. Hence, classes for 9th, 10^{th,} 11th and 12th standards shall be permitted to be conducted in all the schools with effect from 01.09.2021 with 50% of students at a time by duly following the appropriate standard operating procedures. The School Education Department shall take necessary preparatory action and prescribe appropriate standard operating procedures for conducting classes regularly.

D) All Medical Colleges, Nursing and para medical colleges shall function from 16.08.2021 as the Students, Professors and Staff have already been vaccinated. The Health and Family welfare Department shall issue appropriate standard operating procedure in this regard.

General

i) Local administrations shall ensure that meat and fish markets shall function as separate shops in open spaces in order to avoid large public gatherings.

ii) Shops permitted to function shall follow the following important Standard Operating Procedures.

- Shops shall have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) at the entrance and thermal screening shall also be done.
- Management shall ensure that the workers and customers wear face masks compulsorily.
- All shops and establishments using air conditioning facility shall ensure that the doors and windows are kept open for cross ventilation. In order to ensure social distancing norms, more number of persons shall not be allowed at a time inside the shops.
- Specific markings with sufficient distance may be made at the entrance of the shops to manage the general public standing in the queue.
- **Action will taken against the commercial/other organizations which violate the above guidelines and prescribed limit of customers.**

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iii) Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination-Covid-19 Appropriate Behaviour principle shall be strictly adhered to.

iv) In order to contain the spread of Covid-19, the Containment Zones shall be demarcated upto Micro Level and the containment measures shall be initiated by the District Collectors and the Local Bodies as per the Standard Operating Procedures.

v) Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures shall be scrupulously followed, as under:

- Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
- No activity, except medical emergencies and supply of essential goods and services shall be permitted.
- There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
- The respective Departments shall strictly ensure the enforcement of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various permitted activities.

3) The District Collectors and local administrations concerned shall make special efforts for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities by creating awareness and self-responsibility among the public to contain the spread of the disease. Everybody has to make a commitment and follow it in word and action to prevent the spread of Corona.

4) In-order to control the spread of COVID-19, Public are requested to maintain discipline and Covid appropriate behaviour by avoiding unnecessarily coming out of the house and gathering in Public places. The public are also requested to seek medical advice of the nearest hospital as soon as symptoms of infection appear.

5) The Government also orders that no activities shall be permitted in the **Containment Zones**.

6) The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors and Commissioners of Police/Superintendents of Police concerned shall take all necessary measures for the strict enforcement of National Directives for Covid-19 management viz., **wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing, screening & hygiene, frequent sanitization of entire workplace etc.,** and adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for the permitted activities. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors concerned may initiate penal action for imposing fines on persons violating the National Directives.

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7) 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.

(By Order of the Governor)

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