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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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 – INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES - FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ORDERED UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2005.

[G.O. Ms. No. 351, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), 24th April 2021,
சித்திரை 11, பிலவ, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2052.]

No. II(2)/REVDM/272(c)/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, 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. Subsequently, many restrictions have also been imposed in respect of the activities already permitted taking into account the increasing trend of Covid-19 cases across the State *vide* G.O. Ms.No.342, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 08.04.2021, G.O. Ms.No.343, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 10.04.2021 and G.O. Ms.No.346, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 18.04.2021.

3. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration besides informing that in the Government Press Release, 25th read above it has been stated that certain activities have been prohibited and restrictions have also been imposed in respect of the activities permitted already, has sent a proposal recommending for issue of Government Order for prohibiting certain activities and imposing certain restrictions on the permitted activities for the effective containment of Covid-19.

4. Now therefore the Government hereby accept the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration and to issue the following order under Disaster Management Act, 2005 imposing new restrictions for the effective containment of Covid-19, which would take **effect from 4.00 A.M. of 26.04.2021**, in addition to the various relaxations and restrictions ordered earlier:-

I. New Restrictions:-

- i. **All Cinemas/Multiplex/Theatres, Gymnasiums, Recreation Clubs, all Bars, Auditoriums, Meeting Halls and other similar places shall remain closed.**
- ii. **Big format shops, Shopping Complex and Malls, shall not be permitted to operate.** In view of closure of supermarkets in the malls, perishable commodities and other commodities can be shifted out. Routine maintenance of the malls and other closed establishments is permitted. Provision Stores, Vegetable Shops and other shops shall be permitted to function as usual by following the Standard Operating Procedure. However, Provision Stores and Vegetable Shops functioning in Shopping Complex and Malls are not permitted. Stand alone Departmental Stores selling provisions and vegetables shall be permitted to function without air conditioning facility. Further, maximum 50% customers, at a time shall be allowed in these shops.
- iii. Beauty Parlour, Spas, Saloons, Barber Shops in **all the Corporations including Greater Chennai Corporation limits and all Municipalities** shall not be permitted to operate.
- iv. **Parcel food (Take away service) alone shall be permitted in all Restaurants, Hotels, Mess and Tea shops** and Dine-in facility shall not be permitted. 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.
- v. **All E-Commerce activities shall be permitted as per the time restrictions prescribed.**
- vi. **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.
- vii. Considering the increase in the spread of Covid-19, Religious congregations and 'Tiruvizhakkal' have already been prohibited from 10.4.2021. However, "Kudamuzhukku/ Tiruvizha" were permitted by following the Standard Operating Procedures with the participation of 50 persons, in case if the permission has already been obtained from the District Collector/Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board in this regard or the date for the conduct of "Kudamuzhukku / Tiruvizha" has been finalized earlier and prior arrangements have already been made for the conduct of "Kudamuzhukku / Tiruvizha". This protocol is now modified and "**Kudamuzhukku**" shall be permitted without participation of the General Public and with the participation of employees of the temple only by following the Standard Operating Procedure. Permission shall not be granted for the new / proposed "Kudamuzhukku / Tiruvizha".
- viii. Marriage related gathering shall be permitted with **guests not exceeding 50.**
- ix. In respect of Funeral/last rites, the number of persons shall not exceed 25.
- x. Minimum 50% of the employees of IT/ITEs organizations shall compulsorily work from home.
- xi. **All Sports Training Academies** including **Golf and Tennis Clubs** shall not be permitted to function. However, training for the international and national games / sports shall be permitted.
- xii. All persons who are coming to Tamil Nadu from **other States, including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala (other than Puducherry)**, shall be permitted to enter Tamil Nadu border only after showing the e-registration details entered in the website <http://eregister.tnega.org>
- xiii. All passengers coming from **foreign countries to Tamil Nadu by Air and Ship** shall be permitted to enter Tamil Nadu only after showing the e-registration details entered in the website <http://eregister.tnega.org>
- xiv. In **Government and Private buses, passengers to be restricted to the seating capacity** and passengers shall not be allowed to travel standing as already ordered.
- xv. **Rental vehicles and Taxis including Cab aggregation have already been permitted to ply with three passengers excluding driver and Autos have already been permitted to ply with two passengers** excluding driver. Action will be taken against the violators as per the law in force.
- xvi. **Night Curfew and complete lockdown on Sundays shall continue to be in force** across the State.

II. General:-

- i. Guidelines for the functioning of industrial establishments during the lock down period issued vide G.O. Ms.No.346, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 18.04.2021 and G.O. Ms.No.348, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated : 20.04.2021 shall remain in force.
- ii. Employees / Workers travelling from their home to the industries for work, shall carry their identity cards issued by the respective industrial establishments.

iii. By following the Standard Operating Procedures issued by Government, all Industries shall be permitted to function with all the safety measures in place.

5. 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.

6. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/District Collectors 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 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.

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.

8. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation / District Collectors 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.

RAJEEV RANJAN,
Chief Secretary.