



## **ABSTRACT**

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – Extending restrictions in the territorial jurisdictions of the State of Tamil Nadu upto 31.05.2020 with Guidelines and Relaxations – Revised Notification – Issued

### **REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT(DM-II) DEPARTMENT**

**GO.Ms.No.245**

**Dated :18.5.2020**

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**Read :**

1. G.O.(Ms)No.217 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.220 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 04.5.2020
3. G.O.(Ms)No.229 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:9.05.2020.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.238 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:15.05.2020.
5. G.O.(Ms)No.244, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:17.5.2020
6. From the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 17.05.2020.
7. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OCI/563/2020, dated 18.5.2020.

## **NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS based on the review meetings held on various dates, particularly views expressed by the District Collectors in the meeting held on 13.5.2020 through Video Conference, views expressed by the Medical Experts and Public Health Committee on 14.5.2020 and based on the decision taken in consultation with the Senior Ministers to contain the spread of Corona Virus, Government ordered to extend the State-wide lockdown from 00:00 hrs of 17.5.2020 till 24:00 hrs of 31.5.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 with various relaxations ordered in GO.Ms.No.217, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 3.5.2020 and amendments issued thereon with the further guidelines and relaxations in the GO.Ms.No.244, Revenue and Disaster Management(DM-II) Department, dated 17.5.2020.

WHEREAS the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs in its order dated 17.5.2020 has issued orders extending the lockdown upto 31.5.2020 with detailed guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, the State Government of Tamil Nadu in supersession of the orders issued in GO.Ms.No.244, Revenue & Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 17.5.2020, issues the following orders:

The State-wide lockdown is extended from 00:00 hrs of 17.5.2020 till 24:00 hrs of 31.5.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 with various relaxations ordered in GO.Ms.No.217, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 3.5.2020 and amendments issued thereon with State specific existing restrictions and new relaxations as detailed below:

- I. The following activities will continue to **remain prohibited** until further orders during the lockdown period.
  - i. All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for domestic medical services, domestic air ambulance and for security purposes or purposes as permitted by MHA.
  - ii. Metro rail services.
  - iii. Schools, colleges, educational / training / coaching institutions etc. will remain closed. Online / distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
  - iv. Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services, except those meant for housing health / police / Government officials / healthcare workers / stranded persons including tourists and for quarantine facilities; and running of canteens at bus depots, railway stations and airports. Restaurants shall be permitted to operate kitchens for home delivery of food items.
  - v. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places. Sports complexes and stadia will be permitted to open; however, spectators will not be allowed.
  - vi. All social / political / sports / entertainment / academic / cultural / religious functions / Others gatherings and large congregations.
  - vii. All religious places / places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
  - viii. Taxi, Auto and Cycle Rickshaws except for the permitted area and purpose.

- ix. Inter-State public transport.
- x. Malls, Barber shops in urban areas, Salons, Spa and Beauty Parlours.
- xi. Air-conditioned showrooms selling jewels, cloths and Air-conditioned departmental stores.

**II. National Directives for COVID-19 Management specified below should be strictly followed throughout the State.**

- i. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public and work places.
- ii. Spitting in public & work places shall be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations by the State.
- iii. Social distancing shall be followed by all persons in public places and in transport.
- iv. Marriage related gathering shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum number of guests allowed shall not be more than 50.
- v. Funeral/ last rites related gathering shall ensure social distancing, and the maximum numbers allowed shall not be more than 20.
- vi. Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco etc. in public places is not allowed.
- vii. Shops will ensure minimum six feet distance among customers and shall not allow more than 5 persons at the shop.

*Additional Directives for work places*

- viii. As far as possible, the practice of work from home should be followed.
- ix. Staggering of work/ business hours shall be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
- x. Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
- xi. Frequent sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., shall be ensured, including between shifts.
- xii. All persons in charge of work places shall ensure social distancing through adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.

### III. Use of Aarogya Setu

- i. Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- ii. With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
- iii. District authorities may advise individuals to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

### IV. Existing Restrictions:

- In the 12 districts viz Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Ranipet, Thirupathur, Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai, Ariyalur and Perambalur, **all the present restrictions will continue without any relaxations.**
- **Tourists travel to Nilgiris District, Kodaikanal and Yercaud Tourist Places will be prohibited.**
- No activity will be permitted in the Containment Zones across the State, during the lockdown period
- The activities already allowed in **areas falling under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police** will continue (Except in containment zones).
- The activities already allowed in **all the areas across the State, except for areas under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police** will continue (Except in containment zones).

### V. New Relaxations:

Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee to arrive at the exit strategy on lockdown the following relaxations are allowed:

- In respect of 25 districts viz., Coimbatore, Salem, Erode, Tiruppur, Namakkal, Karur, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Tenkasi, Kanniyakumari, Theni, Madurai, Sivaganga, Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram, Dindigul, Pudukottai, Tiruchirappalli, Thiruvarur, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Vellore and Nilgiris the following relaxations are allowed:
  - For Intra-district movement within concerned district without TN e-pass.

- People are requested to use transport facility within concerned district for essential services and for permitted works only.
  - For the movement from one district to another district, the existing system of using TN e-pass will continue.
  - Not more than 20 persons in a Government/Private Bus, which are specially permitted for Government Works and Private industries , Not more than 7 persons in a Van, Not more than 3 persons in a SUV like Innova, Not more than 2 persons in a small Car (excluding driver) will only be permitted.
  - Rental vehicles and Taxies must be used only for essential services like Agriculture, Business, Medical and Office purposes in these 25 districts (Intra district movement only) without TN e-pass. General public should avoid unnecessary movement from home.
- The proportion of persons employed in MGNREGS in rural areas will be increased from the present 50% to 100%.
  - In relaxation to earlier orders, the permission to operate industries are relaxed further and permitted to operate with 100% of employees in the industries working with less than 100 persons and 50% of employees or a minimum of 100 persons in the industries working with more than 100 persons in all Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats in all areas across the State, except for areas under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police.
  - In rural areas (Village Panchayats), all industries are allowed to operate with 100% of employees except for the areas under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police.
  - The private and business organisations which are temporarily closed due to lockdown are allowed to use minimum staff for essential maintenance.
  - Works relating to 12th class (+2) examination valuations are exempted.
  - Training from independent coaches for the persons who prepare for National and International Sports events are exempted. However permission should be obtained from concerned District Collector/Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation in Chennai.
  - Taxi and auto rickshaws are permitted for urgent medical treatment with TN e-pass within the district, in respect of 12 districts where Intra district movements are otherwise not permitted.
  - Barber shops in Rural areas.

**General**

All District Collectors and Municipal Commissioners are instructed to ensure that the staff and workers are wearing the masks as advised by the Governments, follow social distancing, wash their hands by soaps two times a day and use sufficient disinfectants and strictly follow the Standard Operating Procedure issued by Government. As the Lockdown is continuing, assembling of more than five persons in public places shall not be allowed.

**(By order of the Governor)**

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