



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – Orders Issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India – Extending restrictions in the territorial jurisdictions of the State of Tamil Nadu upto 17.05.2020 – Notification - Issued

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.217

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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 Department, DM II Section, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.190, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, DM II Section, dated 13.04.2020.
5. G.O.(Ms)No.193, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, DM II Section, dated 15.04.2020
6. G.O.(Ms)No.198, Revenue Disaster Management Department, DM II Section, dated 20.04.2020.
7. G.O.(Ms)No.202, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 22.04.2020.
8. G.O.(Ms)No.203, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 22.04.2020.
9. G.O.(Ms)No.204, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 23.04.2020.
10. Recommendations of Committee of experts on Health during the meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.4.2020.
11. Interim Report submitted by Expert Committee constituted to work out a phased exit strategy on Lockdown on 01.05.2020.
12. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 01.05.2020.
13. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OC1/563/2020, dated 3.5.2020.

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS based on the notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs Government have issued in the order second read above, notification was issued in the order third read above on effective and immediate measures need to be continued to prevent and contain the spread COVID-19 applicable throughout the State which came into force for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.3.2020. Subsequently as per the notification issued by MHA, the Government in GO.Ms.No.198, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 20.4.2020 have ordered that:

- a) To continue the lock down until 3rd May 2020 with the conditions notified in G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, DM II Section, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon;
- b) The relaxations to be considered after 20th April 2020 suggested by Government of India and notified in the G.O.(Ms)No.193, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, DM II Section, dated 15.04.2020 will not be made applicable in Tamil Nadu; and
- c) The already existing exemptions for essential activities and services which were in vogue will however continue.

NOW THEREFORE, the State Government of Tamil Nadu, based on the notification issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs dated 1.5.2020 and the decision taken by the Cabinet based on recommendations of Committee of experts on Health during the meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.4.2020 and interim report of the Expert Committee to arrive at the exit strategy on lockdown, and based on the proposal of Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration issues the following orders for effective containment of COVID-19 under Disaster Management Act, 2005.

- I. To extend the lock down period from 00:00 hrs of 04.05.2020 till 24:00 hrs of 17.05.2020.
- II. Agricultural and other activities already permitted would continue to be permitted during the lock down period.
- III. Moreover, as ordered earlier, the following restrictions would continue to be imposed until further orders during the above lock down period,
 - i. All schools, colleges, educational, training and coaching institutions, research institutions, etc.
 - ii. All religious places, places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.

- iii. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theater, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
 - iv. All social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions and other gatherings.
 - v. Air, Rail and public bus transport for passenger movement. (Except dedicated staff buses/vans used by industries and establishments).
 - vi. Taxi, Auto & Cycle Rickshaws.
 - vii. Metro rail services.
 - viii. Inter-state public transport.
 - ix. All lodging houses, hotels and Resorts. (except workers' hostels)
 - x. Malls, barber shops, salons, spa & beauty parlours.
 - xi. Air-conditioned showrooms selling jewels, clothes and departmental stores will not be permitted.
 - xii. Only 20 persons shall be permitted during funeral.
 - xiii. Marriages shall be permitted with current restrictions.
- IV. No activity will be permitted in the Containment Zones. All activities currently permitted would continue (Except in containment zones).
- V. Since the lock down continues, strict surveillance should also be done in order to prevent gathering of more than 5 persons at public places.
- VI. The following activities will be allowed in **all areas falling under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police** (Except in containment zones).
- i. Construction works by utilizing the services of the "in situ" labourers and by bringing the workers from outside on a one-time basis.
 - ii. All construction activities and road works by Government and Public Sector Undertakings.
 - iii. Functioning of SEZ, EOU and Export Units (except Industrial Estates) after due inspection & assessment by Commissioner, GCC/District Collectors with 25% workers (minimum 20 persons). Strict access control shall be ensured by the Companies. Employees shall travel only in the vehicles operated by the respective organisations.
 - iv. IT and IT enabled services with 10% employees (minimum 20 persons). Employees shall travel only in the vehicles operated by the respective organisations.
 - v. Shops selling essential goods will function from 06.00 AM to 5:00 PM.
 - vi. E-commerce service providers handling food and essential commodities will do deliveries in the timings already permitted.
 - vii. Restaurants will function from 06.00 AM to 9:00 PM (Take-away only)
 - viii. All standalone and neighbourhood shops (except salons, spa &

beauty parlours), shops selling construction hardware, cement, construction materials, sanitaryware, electrical materials and standalone shops selling and servicing mobile phones, computers, household appliances, motors, spectacles will function from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

- ix. Self-Employed Workers like plumbers, electricians, AC mechanics, carpenters, etc., Home Care Providers for persons with special needs and household workers, after obtaining necessary permission from Commissioner, GCC /District Collector.

VII. The following activities will be allowed in **all areas across the State, except for areas under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police** (Except in containment zones).

- i. All industries located outside the Corporations / Municipal Limits (including Textile industries) with 50% workers (minimum 20 persons). All industrial activities shall be allowed in Village and Town Panchayat areas (including Textile industries).
- ii. However, in the case of Town Panchayats, where the population is more than 15,000, the District Collector may permit the operation of the textile industries with 50% workers based on the local conditions.
- iii. SEZ, EOU, Industrial Estates, Industrial Townships, (including private estates) in Rural and Urban areas will operate with 50 % workers. Strict access control shall be ensured by the Companies. Textile industries located in Industrial Estates in Municipalities and Corporations will not be permitted to operate.
- iv. Spinning Mills in Village and Town Panchayat areas shall be permitted to function (on shift basis by adopting physical distancing) with 50 % workers.
- v. The District Collector may permit the operation of Leather and Textile industries in Municipalities and Corporations, dealing with designing and sampling for export purposes, with 30 % workers, after assessing the local situation.
- vi. The District Collector may permit all export units in the urban areas to operate with 50% workers, based on the local conditions.
- vii. IT hardware manufacturing units shall be permitted with 50% workers.
- viii. IT and IT enabled services with 50% employees (minimum 20 persons).
- ix. Construction works in urban areas by utilizing the services of the "in situ" workers and by bringing the workers from outside on a one-time basis.
- x. All construction activities and road works by Government and Public Sector Undertakings.

- xi. Self employed workers like plumbers, electricians, AC mechanics, carpenters, etc., after obtaining necessary permission from District Collector.
- xii. Care givers for persons with special needs, differently-abled, senior citizens, patients and household workers after obtaining necessary permission from District Collector.
- xiii. Printing presses are permitted to operate.
- xiv. Shops selling construction hardware, cement, construction materials, sanitary ware and electrical items shall be permitted to function from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in both urban and rural areas. There shall be no restriction on transport of construction materials.
- xv. All standalone shops selling and servicing mobile phones, computers, household articles, motors, spectacles shall be permitted to function from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in both urban and rural areas.
- xvi. All standalone shops (except barber shops, salons, spa & beauty parlours) in Rural areas will be permitted to function from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- xvii. Restaurants will function from 6 AM to 9 PM (Take away only).
- xviii. E-commerce service providers handling food and essential commodities will do deliveries in the timings already permitted.
- xix. District Collector may decide on opening of all other standalone shops (except Malls and Market Complexes) in Corporations and Municipal Limits based on the prevailing conditions from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. (Salons, spa & beauty parlours are not permitted)

VIII. Strict adherence to SOPs:

All District Collectors and Commissioners of Corporations shall mandate the following in all industrial establishments,

- i. Disinfecting the industrial premises and vehicles twice daily
- ii. Disinfecting the toilets every hour during work.
- iii. Thermal screening of employees before entering the factory premises.
- iv. Wearing of masks
- v. Physical distancing at the workplace
- vi. Regular cleaning of hands with soap / sanitizer.
- vii. Issuing ID cards to all employees
- viii. Ensuring only medically fit persons, without any co-morbid conditions and below 55 years of age are called for work in the first phase.
- ix. For those units having upto 200 employees working in the premises, a Doctor should be made available on call, whenever needed. For those with 201-1000 persons working in the factory premises, a part-time Doctor shall visit once in two

days. Those units more than 1000 workers in the premises, shall have a tie-up with a nearby hospital for a daily visit by a Doctor.

- x. Strict access control should be enforced by all industrial units

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Government as an Annexures I, II & III to this order shall be strictly adhered to.

IX. The following general items are applicable to all areas across the State (except Containment Zones)

- a) All activities which are already permitted vide order in the reference 3rd cited above and addendums issued thereon, whether included in this list or not, shall continue to be permitted. The passes, if any, issued already shall continue to be valid throughout the lock down period. (except in containment zones).
 - i. Agricultural and allied activities, Plantations (including agro processing)
 - ii. Marine and inland fishing subject to the instructions of the Fisheries Department.
 - iii. Animal Husbandry, Poultry, Milk and milk processing.
 - iv. Health care institutions including AYUSH centers, laboratories and diagnostics, pharmacies.
 - v. All essential manufacturing including medical equipment, pharma, medical supplies like masks, PPE, gloves, etc., hygiene products, food processing industries, rice/oil/flour/sago mills, packaging including lamination and adhesives, etc.
 - vi. All continuous process industries like sugar, cement, large steel plants including TMT, paper, tyre, large foundry, large glass plants, oil refinery, chemicals including paint.
 - vii. In case of all those industries which are not permitted to operate, essential maintenance activities for safety purpose with minimal skeletal staff is permitted.
 - viii. Manufacture and sales of agricultural implements, fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, seeds and other agricultural inputs.
 - ix. Financial institutions like RBI, SEBI, Banks, NBFCs, etc., ATMs and services related to such institutions.
 - x. All media, postal services, telecom and telecommunication services.
 - xi. Public utilities like power production, transmission and supply, water supply and sanitation, oil and gas storage and supply.
 - xii. Social sector activities like homes for senior citizens, destitute, etc.,

- xiii. All goods carriers, including those carrying construction materials, are permitted to operate loaded or empty, without any requirement of passes, with two drivers and one helper. All intra-state and inter-state goods movement is permitted without any restrictions.
 - xiv. Logistics, warehousing and cold chain.
 - xv. All sea ports, airports, railway stations for cargo/goods movement, Container terminals and dry ports.
 - xvi. All construction activities in rural areas.
 - xvii. Mining activities and mineral production.
 - xviii. Amma canteens, Hotels, e-commerce and shops selling food, grocery and essential commodities as per applicable restrictions.
 - xix. MGNREGS activities.
- b) In case of any difficulty in ensuring maintenance of safeguards, shops/markets selling vegetables, meat and fish can be shifted to larger spaces like play grounds. Pre-packed sales/ door delivery may be encouraged.
 - c) Mineral production and Mining operations, brick kilns, stone quarry, M-Sand units, crushers supplying materials for construction activities and the transportation required are permitted to operate.
 - d) Major industries, IT & ITeS establishments and construction activities shall be commenced after obtaining passes, by submitting online applications to the District Collectors / Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation for the vehicles used for transportation of the employees / workers. A single application is sufficient for running the industry, movement of employees and for transport vehicles. In Municipality and Corporation limits, organisations shall arrange buses / vans for the transportation of employees / workers to the work place. In such case, only 50% of the seating capacity should be occupied ensuring strict physical distancing. All the vehicles for which passes have already been issued can continue to be used.
 - e) No separate passes are required to be obtained for operating/ for the movement of employees and vehicles of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises located in Village and Town Panchayats and Industrial Estates, Cottage/Village Industries and standalone shops. However, MSME employees should carry the company issued ID Cards.
 - f) All Central Government and State Government offices shall function with 33% staff strength. All essential Government Services (including Registration Department) shall continue to function with full strength. No separate passes are required while moving on duty.

NOW THEREFORE, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has also ordered that the Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation and District Collectors shall follow the above guidelines and accord necessary permissions, enabling all the permitted industries to start their