



## **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 – Notification – Issued

**REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-II) DEPARTMENT**  
**GO.Ms.No.244** **Dated : 17.5.2020**

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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. G.O.(Ms)No.217 Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020.
11. G.O.(Ms)No.220 Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 04.5.2020
12. G.O.(Ms)No.229 Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:9.05.2020.
13. G.O.(Ms)No.238 Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:15.05.2020.
14. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OCI/563/2020 dated 17.5.2020.

15. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Press Release dated 17.5.2020.

### **NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS based on the order of Government of India to extend the Nation wide lockdown for a period of two weeks with effect from 4.5.2020 and taking into account the ground realities and the views expressed during consultation, the Government extended the State-wide lockdown for two weeks from 00:00 hrs of 4.5.2020 till 24:00 hrs of 17.5.2020 with various relaxations with restrictions in the order tenth read above. Further amendments and relaxations were also ordered in the Orders eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth read above.

NOW THEREFORE the Government of Tamil Nadu 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, hereby order 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 following further guidelines and relaxations:

- I. The following activities will continue to **remain prohibited** 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, theatres, 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. Inter- State Rail services and Trains to and from Chennai to other parts of Tamil Nadu (Except Air, Rail and Public Bus transport with special permission from Central/State Governments)
  - vi. Taxi, Auto & Cycle Rickshaws.
  - vii. Metro Train/Electric Train 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, cloths and departmental stores will not be permitted.
- xii. Only 20 persons shall be permitted during funeral.
- xiii. Marriages shall be permitted with current restrictions.

#### **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).

#### **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.
- The private and business organisations which are temporarily closed due to lockdown are allowed to use minimum staff for essential maintenance.
- Works relating 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.

### **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 5 persons in public places shall not be allowed.

**(By order of the Governor)**


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