



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – **Permission to Operate Inter-State Bus Transport between Tamil Nadu and Puducherry without E-registration with immediate effect** – Notification – Issued.

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

GO.Ms.No.609

Dated:31.10.2020

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051

Read :

1. G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon
2. G.O.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated : 30.06.2020 and amendment issued thereon
3. G.O.Ms.No.335, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated : 04.07.2020
4. G.O.Ms.No.345, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated : 12.07.2020
5. G.O.Ms.No.396, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated : 31.07.2020
6. G.O. (Ms.) No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 31.08.2020
7. G.O. (Ms.) No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 31.08.2020
8. G.O. Ms.No.462, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV(1)), Department, Dated : 04.09.2020
9. G.O. Ms.No.541, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated : 30.9.2020
10. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry Lr.No.12-385/CM/2020, dated 24.10.2020 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

11. From the Additional Chief Secretary/
Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter
No.OC-/563/2020, dated 29.10.2020

ORDER:

In G.O.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated : 30.06.2020 it has been ordered under caption I that operation of both private and Government buses within the districts will remain suspended from 01.07.2020 to 15.07.2020 throughout the state and that the interstate public transport will continue to remain prohibited until further orders during the lockdown period throughout the state till 31.07.2020.

2. In G.O.Ms.396, Revenue and Disaster Management DM II, dated: 31.07.2020 under caption I(XI). It has been ordered that interstate private and public bus transport and intra state private and public bus transport will continue to remain prohibited until further orders though out state till 31.08.2020.

3. In G.O.Ms.No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management DM II, dated: 31.08.2020 under caption II(III) it has been stated that operation of both public and private bus transport within the district and metropolitan bus transport in Greater Chennai shall be permitted from 01.09.2020 following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

4. In G.O. Ms.No.462, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV(1)), Department, dated 04.09.2020 the following amendment has been issued for the contents in section III under caption 2 permitted activities mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV(1)), Department, dated 31.08.2020.

III. Operation of both public and private bus transport within the districts and metropolitan bus services in Greater Chennai has been permitted from 01.09.2020 and operation of both public and private bus transport throughout the state shall be permitted from 07.09.2020 following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

5. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry by citing the following reasons has requested to resume the Inter-state Bus Transport between Tamil Nadu and Puducherry considering the fact that Puducherry has unique geographical location with Tamil Nadu.

- i. JIPMER, IGGMC&H and six more private medical colleges are existing in Puducherry and JIPMER in Karaikal is also serving general public of Puducherry and as well as most parts of neighbouring districts of Tamil Nadu, in the health sector. Patients from Tamil Nadu will get more benefit if the public transportation is allowed.

- ii. Most of the farmers from neighbouring places of Tamil Nadu are selling their agricultural products in Puducherry and Karaikal regions.
- iii. Small traders like Street vendors and other traders are travelling regularly between the parts of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- iv. Many industries and business establishments are located in Puducherry and Karaikal regions. People from various parts of Tamil Nadu are working these areas are travelling regularly to Puducherry for their employment. Also many people from Tamil Nadu are coming to Puducherry to work in the unorganized sector like construction, services, etc.
- v. People from neighbouring areas of Tamil Nadu are visiting Puducherry for purchase of goods like electrical products, plumbing Items, home appliances, dress materials, etc.,

7. In this connection it is submitted that as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, necessary permission was already accorded by the Government of Tamil Nadu for the goods traffic, operation of railways for transportation of goods and parcels, operation of airports/seaports/landports and inland container depots for cargo movement, movement of all trucks and other goods / carrier vehicles without any restriction vide G.O.Ms.No.193, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated 15.4.2020. Further, as already stated above operation of both Public and Private Bus Transport throughout the State has been permitted by the Government from 07.09.2020 after following the Standard Operating Procedures and that the Inter State/Intra State Rail Transport in the authorised routes has also been permitted. But so for Interstate bus transport not permitted.

8. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has therefore stated that considering the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry and taking into account the fact that Tamil Nadu has unique geographical connection with Puducherry State, suitable orders may be passed for the operation of both Private and Public Bus Transport between Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

9. The Government after careful consideration, on considering the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry and taking into account the fact that Tamil Nadu has unique geographical connection with Puducherry State, hereby permit the operation of both Private and Public Bus Transport between Tamil Nadu and Puducherry without E-registration

and accordingly amend the GO.Ms.No.541, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 30.09.2020 as follows:

Under Caption II – (Under Permitted Activities) the following Section II-A shall be added:

II-A. Operation of both Private and Public Bus Transport between Tamil Nadu and Puducherry shall be permitted without E-registration" **with immediate effect.**

(By order of the Governor)

K.SHANMUGAM
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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/Forwarded By Order/

20/10/2020
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