



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and Control – Permission granted for conduct of Cultural events / functions from 25.11.2020 – Notification – Issued

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

GO.Ms.No. 654

Dated :21.11.2020

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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 (D.M.II) Department, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.217, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020 and amendment issued thereon.
5. G.O.(Ms)No.229, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:09.05.2020.
6. G.O.(Ms)No.245, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:18.05.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
7. G.O.(Ms)No.262, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:31.05.2020.
8. G.O.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated : 30.06.2020 and amendment issued thereon.
9. G.O.Ms.No.396, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated : 31.07.2020 and amendment issued thereon.
10. G.O.Ms.No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated: 31.08.2020 and amendment issued thereon.

11. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 30.09.2020.
12. G.O. Ms.No.541, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated : 30.9.2020.
13. G.O. Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated : 31.10.2020.
14. G.O. Ms.No.643, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated : 13.11.2020.
15. Representation addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu by the Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Letter dated 18.11.2020.

NOTIFICATION

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 30.11.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 with certain restrictions and many relaxations along with guidelines in G.O.Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.10.2020.

2. In the guidelines for re-opening dated 30.09.2020 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Social / academic/ sports/ entertainment/cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations have been permitted in closed spaces with a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity and with a ceiling of 200 persons and that in open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/space in view cultural events have been permitted by mandatorily wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing and with a provision for thermal scanning, use of hand wash or sanitizer.

3. In line with the above guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, religious congregations, all social / political / cultural/ academic and other functions were permitted from 16.11.2020 with a maximum ceiling of 100 persons after duly following the Standard Operating Procedures vide G.O.Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM- IV), Department, Dated : 31.10.2020.

4. Subsequently, considering the fact that large gathering of people were witnessed in the shops and bus stands during festive season and as the general public were not following the social distancing norms and also not wearing the face masks at public places which would ultimately lead to increase in the rate of infection of Covid-19, permission granted for social/

political/ entertainment/ cultural/academic and religious congregations from 16.11.2020 was revoked until further orders vide G.O. Ms.No.643, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 13.11.2020 in order to intensify the preventive measures for Covid-19.

5. Now, representations have been received from the Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and from various sections of the society to grant permission for the conduct of cultural events. Hence, considering the representations received from Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, request of the general public of the State of Tamil Nadu and taking into account the annual Music Festival scheduled in the month of December 2020, the Government hereby issue following amendment to the G.O.Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 31.10.2020 as detailed below:

I. The following content in Section (v) under Caption I – (Under Prohibited Activities) may be read as:-

- v. All social/ political/ entertainment/ academic and religious congregations shall remain prohibited until further orders.

II. The following content in Section (vii) under Caption II – (Under Permitted Activities) may be read as:-

- vii. Cultural events/functions which are structured in nature **shall be permitted from 25.11.2020 in closed spaces** with a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity and with a ceiling of 200 persons. Further **in open spaces** also such Cultural events / functions shall be permitted with a maximum ceiling of 200 persons. National Directives on Covid-19 Management viz., wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing and with a provision for thermal scanning, use of hand wash or sanitizer and strict adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) will be mandatorily followed for these functions. Further prior permission for conducting such function shall be obtained from the Commissioner of Police in respect of Chennai District and from the District Collector in respect of other Districts.

(By order of the Governor)

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//Forwarded By Order//

20/11/2020
Section Officer