

ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – Lockdown promulgated for until 30th June 2020 with certain relaxations – Complete Lockdown in Jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police Limit and some areas in Chengalpattu and Thiruvallur Districts from 19.06.2020 early morning 00 hrs. to 30.06.2020 midnight 12.00 hrs. – Notification – Issued

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-II) DEPARTMENT

GO.Ms.No.299

சார்வரி ஆனி 2 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2051

Dated: 16.6.2020

Read:

- 1. G.O.Ms.No.152, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 23.03.2020
- 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.192, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 13.04.2020.
- 5. G.O.(Ms)No.198, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 20.04.2020.
- 6. G.O.(Ms)No.207, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:24.04.2020.
- 7. G.O.(Ms)No.217 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 8. G.O.(Ms)No.244 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:17.05.2020
- 9. G.O.(Ms)No.245 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:18.05.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 10. From Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Order No.40-3/2020/DM-I(A), dated 30.05.2020.
- 11. G.O.(Ms)No.262 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:31.05.2020

- 12. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Press Release, dated 15.6.2020
- From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OCI/563/2020 dated 15.6.2020

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS on 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 30.6.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in GO.Ms.No.262, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 31.5.2020.

Whereas the number of cases in Greater Chennai Corporation limits and other urban areas in the districts of Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram are on the increase due to the large urban population and also the fact that in many zones the houses are located in close proximity and the average living space is also small. The Chief Secretary to Government conducted meeting with District Collectors through video conferencing on 12.06.2020. During the meeting, many Collectors informed that the increase in positive cases in recent times are due to large number of persons coming from Chennai who are testing positive. Therefore, they insisted that more restriction for such movements will give them elbow room to control disease spread. Further, during the review with zonal teams and senior police officials in Greater Chennai Corporation, they expressed their view that internal restrictions in Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas will help administration to break disease cycle and focus on early detection of cases through fever clinic, focussed testing, effective contract tracing and efficient management of quarantine and containment area. This will reduce the spread, as movement is restricted and will help to minimize contacts of positively tested cases. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also held the meeting with Medical and Public Health Experts on 15.06.2020 to solicit their views. Therefore, it is felt that an intensified Lockdown may have to be considered in Greater Chennai Police Commissionerate area and certain areas in Thiruvallur, Chengalpattu to prevent the pace at which the disease is spreading. This should be supported with more efficient quarantine and containment area management.

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 12.6.2020 through Video Conference, based on views expressed by the Medical Experts and Public Health Committee on 15.6.2020 and as per the decision taken in the Cabinet meeting held on 15.6.2020 it is hereby ordered to enforce complete lockdown under Disaster Management Act, 2005 for 12 days from

19.06.2020 early morning 00 hrs. to 30.06.2020 midnight 12.00 hrs in Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas, in Thiruvallur District-Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas in Thiruvallur Districts, Thiruvallur Municipality, Gummindipoondi, Ponneri and Minjur Town Panchayats, all village panchayats in Poovirundhavalli, Eekadu and Sholavaram blocks, in Chengalpattu District, Greater Chennai Police areas in Chengalpattu District, Chengalpattu and Maraimalai Nagar Municipalities, Nandhivaram- Guduvanchery Town Panchayat and all Village Panchayats of Kattankulathur Block and Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas in Kancheepuram District.

During this complete lockdown period the following essential services alone would be permitted:

- Hospitals, Medical Labs, pharmaceutical shops, Ambulance and Hearse Vehicle Services and allied Medical related activities.
- Auto, Taxi and Private vehicles will not be permitted. However, auto, taxi and private vehicles will be allowed to ply for medical emergencies.
- 3) State Government Departments will function with 33 percent staff. Further, Departments involved in Essential Services like Secretariat, Health and Family Welfare Department, Police Department, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Electricity, Treasury Department, Aavin, Local Bodies, Drinking Water Supply Department, Labour Welfare Department and Cooperative, Food and Consumer Protection Departments will function with required staff.
- 4) Central Government Offices will function with attendance not exceeding 33 per cent of total staff. Departments dealing with essential services will function with required staff only.
- Staff from Containment Zones need not attend office. However, prior permission should be obtained from the respective officers.
- 6) Banks will work with attendance not exceeding 33 per cent of total staff on 29.06.2020 and 30.06.2020. ATMs, related banking services and transport will be permitted to function normally.
- Public Distribution System shops will function from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. Godowns of Food Corporation of India and Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation and related transportation will be permitted.
- Public Distribution System shops in Containment zones will not function. The staff from these shops will directly hand over the

- relief announced by the Government to the families in these Containment Zones.
- 9) Vegetable shops, Grocery shops and Petrol Bunks will be permitted to operate with certain restrictions with strict implementation of social distancing from 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. Similarly, mobile units for sale of vegetables and fruits is permitted within a specified time from 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. Public who intend to buy essential commodities shall avoid travelling by vehicles and should purchase from the shops near their residence (i.e.) from the shops located within 2 kilometres from their residence.
- 10) Take away (Parcel food) alone will be permitted in the Hotels / Restaurants from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. Tea Shops will not be permitted to operate. Food delivery will be permitted for the food ordered through phones from Hotels / Restaurants. The workers involved in food delivery should obtain identity cards from the respective organizations.
- Homes for senior citizens / physically challenged / orphans and caregivers of senior citizens residing in their homes are permitted.
- Amma Canteens and Community kitchens run by Government and Local Bodies will continue to function.
- NGOs and Organisations helping the Public would be permitted after obtaining prior permission from the concerned authorities.
- 14) Print and Electronic Media.
- 15) Judiciary and courts.
- Construction works with in-situ labour force will be permitted for above said 12 days.
- 17) In the area falling under Jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police limit, the workers should be tested for RTPCR once, and for the above mentioned period of 12 days should be accommodated inside the Industries Premises or near by places and allowed to work. Similarly, for those workers who are going from areas of Greater Chennai Police Limit to the industries in other areas should be tested RTPCR once and should be accommodated inside the industries premises or nearby places and allowed to work. The daily movement of the workers from Greater Chennai Police Limit areas will not be permitted in these 12 days. However, the continuous process industries and the Industries Manufacturing Essential Commodities are permitted to function with safety measures in place.

- 18) Movement of Goods and vehicles transporting essential commodities will be allowed during the lock down period.
- 19) E-pass will be restricted to those applicants only, who intend to travel from Chennai to other districts for marriage, funeral and medical emergencies, provided they submit relevant documents.
- 20) The present procedure will continue in respect of the Trains and Flights operated from other states and Flights and Ships coming from abroad.

Complete lockdown will be enforced without any relaxations mentioned above on two Sundays i.e. on 21.6.2020 and 28.6.2020. (i.e. Complete lock down will be enforced from midnight 12.00 hrs on 20.06.2020 to 6.00 A.M. on 22.06.2020 without any relaxations. Similarly, Complete lock down will be enforced from midnight 12.00 hrs on 27.06.2020 to 6.00 A.M. on 29.06.2020 without any relaxations). No activity except Milk distribution, Hospitals, Pharmaceutical Shops, Hospital Vehicles, Ambulance and Hearse Vehicle Services will be permitted during the above two days. Further, private vehicles will be allowed to ply only for medical emergencies.

The Government also order that no activities shall be permitted in the Containment Zones during the lockdown period and that the restrictions in the Containment Zones would be further intensified. However, the essential supplies to the households in Containment Zones and quarantine houses shall be ensured by local administration and that disinfectants would be sprayed twice a day in these areas. The services of 104 (Control room) and 108 (Ambulance) will be further streamlined. Supply of essential goods and health emergency shall be effectively co-ordinated through special control rooms. Wearing of Mask is compulsory and it would be strictly enforced. Repeated washing hands with soap-sanitizers and social distancing should be strictly enforced for the permitted activities.

(By order of the Governor)

K.SHANMUGAM CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.