NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION UNDER THE CORONA INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) UNDER THE EPIDEMIC DISEASES ACT, 1897.


No. II(2)/HFW/216(d)/2020.

WHEREAS the Hon'ble Prime Minister has required the Nation to implement self imposed quarantine at home to prevent person to person transmission of COVID-19 from 7.00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M. on 22nd March, 2020;

WHEREAS it is feared that after 9.00 P.M. people may come out in large numbers thereby defeating the purpose of social distancing;

AND WHEREAS it has been decided to continue the self imposed quarantine in the State upto 5.00 A.M. on 23rd March, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes temporary regulations for the period from 9.00 P.M. on 22nd March, 2020 to 5.00 A.M. on 23rd March, 2020 as follows:

1. Everyone shall stay at home and shall venture out of home only for basic essential needs.
2. Not more than 5 persons shall congregate at any public place.
3. All shops, commercial establishments, offices and factories, workshops, godowns etc., shall remain closed.
4. All foreign returnees are directed to remain under strict home quarantine.
5. No public transport services including operation of taxis, auto-rickshaws etc., are permitted.
6. The following establishment providing essential services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:–
   a. Revenue
   b. Police
   c. Health
   d. Local Bodies
   e. Fire
   f. Electricity, Water and Municipal Services
   g. Print, Electronic and Social Media
   h. Telecom & Internet Services including IT & ITeS
   i. Supply chain and related transportation
   j. E-Commerce (delivery) of all essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment.
   k. Food, Groceries, Milk, Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Fish and their transportation related activities and warehousing.
   l. Hospitals, Chemist Stores, Optical Stores, Pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation related activities.
   m. Petrol pumps, LPG gas, Oil agencies, their godown and their transportation related activities.
   n. Production and manufacturing Units which require continuous process may continue to function, after obtaining required permission from the Collector.
   o. Manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities.
   p. Transport of all kinds to and from hospitals, airports, railway stations, bus terminals / bus stands.
   q. Private establishments that support the above services or are linked to the efforts for containment of COVID-19 shall remain open.

3. The District Collectors are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. If there is any doubt as to whether a service establishment is essential or not, the Collector shall be the competent authority to decide. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitions are made by the aforementioned officers.

4. Any person found violating the containment measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

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