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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Secretariat, June 22, 2020

No. II(2)/REVDM/380(d)/2020.

COVID-19 – INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL - LOCKDOWN PROMULGATED FOR UNTIL 30TH JUNE 2020 WITH CERTAIN RELAXATIONS – COMPLETE LOCKDOWN IN JURISDICTION OF MADURAI CORPORATION LIMIT AND SOME AREAS FROM 24.06.2020 EARLY MORNING 00 HRS. TO 30.06.2020 MIDNIGHT 12.00 HRS.UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT.

[G.O.Ms.No.314, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II), 22nd June 2020, ஆனி 8, சார்வரி, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2051.]

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.192, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 13.04.2020.
- 5. G.O.(Ms)No.198, Revenue and Disaster Managementt (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. Madurai District Collector, Letter No.Roc/11945/D6 dt. 22.06.2020.
- 13. From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OCI/563/2020 dated 22.06.2020

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.

2. Whereas the number of cases in Madurai Corporation limits, Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks in the Madurai District 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.

3. The District Collector, Madurai has informed that there is an alarming rise in COVID-19 positive cases in recent times and insisted for further restriction on the movement of people in Madurai Corporation and its adjoining areas to give the district administration elbow room to control disease spread. Further, monitoring officers for the district expressed their view that internal restrictions in Madurai Corporation, Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundarm Blocks 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 to the neighboring districts as movement is restricted and will help to minimize contacts of positively tested cases. Therefore, it is felt that an intensified Lockdown may have to be considered in Madurai Corporation and some of its adjoining areas to prevent the pace at which the disease is spreading. This should be supported with more efficient quarantine and containment area management.

4. NOW therefore the Government of Tamil Nadu based on the review meetings held on various dates, particularly views expressed by the Madurai District Collector and monitoring officers it is hereby ordered to enforce complete lockdown under Disaster Management Act, 2005 for 7 days from 24.06.2020 early morning 00 hrs. to 30.06.2020 midnight 12.00 hrs in Madurai Corporation, Paravai Town Panchayat, all village Panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks of Madurai District. During this complete lockdown period the following essential services alone would be permitted:

- 1) Hospitals, Medical Labs, pharmaceutical shops, Ambulance and Hearse Vehicle Services and allied Medical related activities.
- 2) Auto, Taxi and private vehicles will not be permitted. However auto, taxi and private vehicles will be allowed to ply for medical emergencies. Prepaid Auto, Taxi and Private Vehicles will also be permitted to ferry passengers from Railway Stations and Airports. Police personnel will regulate them in Railway Stations and Airports. For this purpose the E-pass issued to the passengers by the TNeGA would suffice.
- 3) State Government Departments will function with 33 percent staff. Further, Departments involved in Essential Services like 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 Co-operative, 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.
- 5) 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 percent of total staff on 29.06.2020 and 30.06.2020. ATMs, related banking services and transport will be permitted to function normally. Headquarters of banks and Financial Institutions are permitted to function with minimal staff only. From 24.06.2020 to 26.06.2020, the bank branches with minimal staff may function from 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM for cash transactions relating to distributers and retail dealers of essential items viz., petroleum products and LPG. No direct services to public is permitted.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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 1.5 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.
- 11) Homes for senior citizens / physically challenged / orphans and caregivers of senior citizens residing in their homes are permitted.

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- 12) Amma Canteens and Community kitchens run by Government and Local Bodies will continue to function.
- 13) 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.
- 16) Construction works with in-situ labour force will be permitted for above said 7 days.
- 17) In the area falling under Madurai Corporation limits and Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks in the Madurai District, the workers should be tested for RTPCR once, and for the above mentioned period of 7 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 Madurai Corporation limits and Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks in the Madurai District 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 Madurai Corporation limits and Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks in the Madurai District will not be permitted in these 7 days. If the workers are already staying within the premises of Industries they need not be tested for RTPCR. However, the continuous process industries and the Industries Manufacturing Essential Commodities are permitted to function with safety measures in place. E-passes will be issued by the Industries Department to the Managerial and supervisory categories of the Industries for movement in and out of Madurai Corporation limits and Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks in the Madurai District and other areas. These E-passes will be valid for the entire period of lockdown. These E-passes should be used properly.
- 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 Madurai Corporation limits and Paravai Town Panchayat, all village panchayats of Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram Blocks in the Madurai District 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 coming from abroad.
- 21) Tele-communication, Essential IT/ITES services will function with minimal staff. E-pass will be provided only to the workers in the list provided by Tele-communication, Essential IT/ITES service companies.
- 22) Since the distribution of LPG cylinders and other petroleum products is permitted during complete lockdown period, the LPG/Petroleum Tankers, Trucks carrying LPG Cylinders, Lubricants and other Petroleum Products carrying such essential items will be permitted without hindrance. Further, LPG cylinder delivery personnel, attendants in petrol pumps, drivers transporting petroleum & petroleum products and the contract labour working in Oil Companies will be permitted to travel from their home to work spots during the lock down period provided they carry their ID Cards/ authorization letter given by the Oil Companies and gas agencies. They should follow the directives of wearing face mask, sanitizing / washing their hands etc.,
- 23) Vehicles for Milk Distribution and Drinking Water supply will be permitted.

5. Complete lockdown will be enforced without any relaxations mentioned above on 28.06.2020 (Sunday). (i.e. 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 Sunday. Further, private vehicles will be allowed to ply only for medical emergencies.

6. 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. During this period, the District Administration will focus on 100% house to house survey in the lockdown area to identify potential COVID cases early, supported with fever camps and aggressive testing. 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)

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