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Part II—Section 2

Notifications or Orders of interest to a Section of the public issued by Secretariat Departments.

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 - INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL - NOTIFICATION ISSUED EXTENDING RESTRICTIONS IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU UP TO 30.11.2020 - PERMISSION GRANTED FOR RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS AND ALL SOCIAL/ POLITICAL/ ENTERTAINMENT/ CULTURAL/ACADEMIC FUNCTIONS AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR THE STUDENTS STUDYING IN 9TH.10TH.11TH AND 12TH STANDARDS AND COLLEGES FROM 16.11.2020 - DEFERRED UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2005.

AMENDMENT TO NOTIFICATION

[G.O. Ms. No.643, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), 13th November 2020, ஐப்பசி 28, சார்வரி, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2051.]

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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 above orders, 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 and Schools (for the students studying in 9th.10th.11th and 12th Standards only) all Colleges. Research Institutions and other educational / coaching institutions were permitted to function from 16.11.2020 following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- 3. Now in the Government Press Release dated 12.11.2020, it has been stated that in view of the festive season, large gathering of people are being witnessed in the shops and bus stands and as such it has been brought to the notice of the Government through media reports and field inspection that the general public are 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. It has been further stated that the second wave of Covid-19 has hit the foreign countries and hence it becomes essential to intensify the preventive measures for Covid-19. It has also been stated that in view of the above mentioned facts, permission already granted for social/ political/ entertainment/ cultural/academic and religious congregations has now been revoked until further orders.

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- 4. In the Government Press Release dated 12.11.2020, it is also stated that re-opening of Schools for the students studying in 9th,10th,11th and 12th Standards has been deferred until further orders. It has also been stated that as per the guidelines dated 5.11.2020 released by the University Grants Commission, Colleges and Universities shall be permitted to function from 2.12.2020 only for research scholars and final year students pursuing post-graduation in science and technology stream. It has also been stated that the hostels would also be permitted in the Colleges /Universities which have been permitted to open up and that the Standard Operating Procedures for the Colleges/Universities and Students would be issued separately. Further announcement with regard to the opening up of Colleges for the Students studying in other streams would be issued separately.
- 5. In accordance with the Government Press Release No.857, dated 12.11.2020, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has sent proposal to amend the G.O.Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.10.2020.
- 6. In accordance with the Government Press Release No.857, dated 12.11.2020 and based on the proposal of Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, the Government after careful examination 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 may be added as Section (v), (vi) and (vii) under Caption I (Under Prohibited Activities):-
- v. Permission already granted for social/ political/ entertainment/ cultural/academic and religious congregations from 16.11.2020 stands revoked and all social/ political/ entertainment/ cultural/academic and religious congregations shall remain prohibited until further orders.
- vi. Permission granted for re-opening of schools for the students studying in 9th,10th,11th and 12th Standards stands deferred and all schools shall remain closed until further orders.
- vii. All Colleges / Universities except those permitted only for research scholars and final year students pursuing post-graduation in science and technology stream shall remain closed. The online classes shall continue for the other students.
 - II. The following content in Section (i) and (ii) under Caption II (Under Permitted Activities) may be read as:-
- i. As per the guidelines dated 5.11.2020 released by the University Grants Commission, all Colleges / Universities shall be permitted to function from 2.12.2020 only for research scholars and final year students pursuing post-graduation in science and technology stream.
- **ii.** All hostels including Working Men/Women Hostels shall be permitted to function from 16.11.2020. Further, the hostels in the Colleges /Universities which have been permitted to open up only for research scholars and final year students pursuing post-graduation in science and technology stream shall be permitted to function from 2.12.2020. However, the School Hostels and hostels in other Colleges shall remain closed. Further, the Standard Operating Procedures for the Colleges/Universities would be issued separately.

K.SHANMUGAM, *Chief Secretary.*