

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
RAMANATHAPURAM.**

PRESENT: THIRU. K. VEERA RAGHAVA RAO, I.A.S.,

ORDERS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 144 OF CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Rec.C2/12822/2020

Dated: 24-03-2020

To

All concerned.

(through the Superintendent of Police, Ramanathapuram)

WHEREAS in exercise of powers under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Government of Tamil Nadu has issued the Tamil Nadu COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 for the prevention and containment and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and regulations made thereof, the Government of Tamil Nadu has ordered restrictions in the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Tamil Nadu from 18.00 hrs. of 24.03.2020 to 06.00 hrs. of 1.4.2020.

Accordingly, I do hereby promulgate an order under **Section 144 Cr.P.C.** to enforce the order of the Government in **Ramanathapuram District** with effect from **18.00 hrs. of 24.3.2020 to 06.00 hrs. of 1.4.2020** and the following restrictions are imposed.

1. Public transport services including operation of private buses, stage/contract carriages, State Transport Undertakings, Taxis, share-autos, auto-rickshaws and ride sharing services including air-conditioned bus services of State Transport Corporation and private operators shall not be permitted **Except** for Ambulances, Vehicles/Cabs owned or contracted by the companies for transportation of staff to work place and back, All Goods carriers (trucks, tempos, container trailers etc.) Taxis to and from hospitals to home, Hearse/funeral services vehicles, Government vehicles and vehicles deployed and engaged in essential services/duties which are permitted.
2. All shops, commercial establishments shall close their operations **Except** Hospitals, Dispensaries, Clinics, Chemist shops, Optical stores, oxygen cylinder units, Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment manufacturing/service units, health related manufacturing units including mask and sanitation material manufacturing units and their transportation related activities, Food including Rice, Pulses, Edible oil, Spices and condiments, Processed food, Groceries, Milk, Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Eggs, Fish, Rice and other essential and

perishable products and their transportation related activities and warehousing, Dairy, Poultry feed, fodder, fodder units and Milk Booths, Banks and ATM (as per RBI regulations), Press and Media offices and establishments, IT, ITES Financial Services Back Offices, Restaurants, Eateries , Kitchens - only take away (seating not permitted), Petrol Pumps, LPG Gas and Bottling plants, Oil Agencies, Petroleum and Gas Stations / Depots/Product outlets and their godowns transportation, Depositories, Stock Brokers and SEBI Registered Participants, subject to SEBI guidelines, E-Commerce, Pharmaceutical and other essentials, Agriculture and Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries related shops and markets, manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities, agriculture commodities and agriculture inputs, food items and wholesalers, retailers of such items, All security services including those provided by private agencies. Public Utilities like manufacture, transport and delivery of drinking water cans, bottles and packaged water which are permitted. Shops and Establishments which are under the exempted categories shall ensure that at any given time, they are not crowded and customers inside also maintain social distancing of 1 meter between each other. Delivery of food items through aggregators is not permitted. In tea shops no gathering is allowed. The premises shall be cleaned and disinfected three times daily. They shall also ensure that sanitizers or Hand wash are provided at the entrance for all customers.

3. All Government offices, autonomous bodies, Public Sector Undertakings shall close **Except** the essential services and departments such as District Administration, Courts, Revenue, Police, Prohibition and Excise, Home Guards, Fire and Rescue Services, Prisons and Social Defence Homes, Health and Family Welfare, Hospitals and all Health related establishments, Animal Husbandry, Public Utilities - Electricity Boards, Public Works Department, Metro Water (TWAD Board), Water Supply, Sewerage and Municipal Services, Urban and Local Bodies, Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions, Regional Transport Office, Commercial Taxes and Registration Offices, Treasury and Sub-Treasury, Public Distribution shops and related offices, Aavin and Milk Unions, Amma Canteens with adequate social distancing and Government of India Agencies such as Defence, Para Military, Tax / Revenue related (eg. Income Tax, Customs, GST, etc.) Medical Services and related Public Utilities, Food Corporation of India, Post Offices, Railways, Doordarshan, All India Radio and any other media and any other office deployed for duties by the District Collector. Services to working women hostels, services to old age persons and old age homes, differently abled persons and orphanages is permitted. All these

permitted essential services should ensure that in the course of departmental work the employees do not congregate in large numbers.

4. District Border is here by ordered to be sealed except for the movement of above mentioned goods and services in this order.
5. People are required to stay at home and come out only for accessing basic and essential services and strictly follow social distancing by maintaining a minimum of 1 meter norm between persons.
6. All suspected cases and foreign returnees who arrived after 1st March, 2020, are directed to remain under strict home quarantine for 28 days from the date of their arrival.
7. Any congregation of more than 5 persons in public place is prohibited.

Given under my hand and ~~seal~~ ^{ts} this the ~~24~~ day of March 2020.