

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit has promulgated the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 today (04.09.2020)

To contain the spread of COVID-19, lockdown and social distancing measures are taken by the Government. Public Health experts have been stressing the need for adoption of mandatory wearing of mask, maintaining a physical distance, follow up of Standard Operating Procedures for the permitted activities and in work places and follow up of quarantine as essential to prevention of spread of disease.

Despite aggressive information, education and communication campaign, even now a section of persons/institutions/shops do not follow it, putting themselves and others at risk of spreading infections. Further violences against the persons implementing these measures have also been brought to the notice of the Government. Such acts of violence hinders the measures taken to control the spread COVID-19 in the community and deters the advancement of Public Health. It is, therefore, considered necessary to make the violations against lockdown and social distancing measures taken to contain the spread of Covid-19 as compoundable offences and also to prohibit the acts of violence against the persons implementing these measures. Hence, the Government

has decided to amend the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1939).

Based on the proposal sent by the State Government, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit has promulgated the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Second Amendment) Ordinance **2020** to carry out amendments to the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1939).

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