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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
ABSTRACT

LICENCE - Taking out licence for storing cinematograph films under Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 - Orders - Cancelled

RURAL DEVELOPMENT & LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms .No.2145 Dated 29th December, 1981

Thunmathi Margazhi 14
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2012.

Read:

i) G.O.Ms .No. 212(R.D.&L.A.) dated 7.2.72.
ii) From the Board of Revenue(LR), L.Dis.L.10/73 dated 3.12.73.
iii) From the Examiner of L.F.Accounts, Letter Rc.92411/77-C7 dated 10.5.78.
iv) From the Hindustan Photo Films, Madras-6 Letter Ref. DMM/Misc./3, dated 4.9.78.
v) From the Director of Fire Services, Rc.No. 22329/78/D1 dated 23.3.1980.

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ORDER:

Director of Fire Services and erstwhile Board of Revenue expressed the view that cinemotograph film is combustible and slow burning. The Government accepted the above views and in the G.O. first read above, issued orders that for storing cinematograph films, a licence should be taken under Section 249 of Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920, as it attracts clause(q) of Schedule V of the Act.

2. But the Hindustan Photo Films certified that the films are not one of explosive or inflammabl e nature. The Board of Revenue also revised its earlier views and observed in December '78 that in the Tamil Nadu Cinemas(Regulation) Rules there is a specific provision for storing cinema films upto 200 lbs. in the licenced premises and that the p resent day cinematograph films are coated on acc e tate safety base and not cumbustible. The Board has in the circumstances stated that the storing of films at Cinema theatres would not attract the provisions of Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920. The Board held that the orders issued in the G.O.first read above, would have to be withdrawn.

3. Moreover, in a case filed before a Judicial Magistrate, the Court accepted the evide nce and the contention that the Modern films are not combustible and that no licence need be taken under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920. The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts also suggested that the orders issued in the G.O.first read above, be reexamined in the light of the above judgement keeping both the legal aspect and the revenue aspect. In view of the certificate that modern films manufactured

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are inflammable. The Director of Fire Services has also agreed w the recommendation that the orders issued in the G.O. first read above, can be cancelled.

4. The Government accept the above recommend tions and dire that the orders issued in the G.O.first read above be cancelled. Consequently there is no need hereafter, to obtain licence under the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920, for ~~exhibition~~ cinematograph films.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

H.B.N.SHETTY
COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY TO GO

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(Sd.)G.Naganathan,
Deputy Examiner of L.F.Accounts

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