

Restrictions to continue in Chennai and 21 other TN districts after 20 April

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Chennai: Though the Central government announced on Wednesday that lockdown would be eased in areas which don't have much spread of coronavirus and establishments such as IT companies would be allowed to function there from 20 April, there seems to be no respite for Chennai and 21 other districts in Tamilnadu.

Reason: These 22 districts have been classified as hot spots and it is unlikely that restrictions would be eased here. Districts with more than 15 positive cases have been classified as 'hot spots', where stringent containment measures are put in place.

"These would continue even after 20 April and are likely to end only on 3 May, the last day of the lockdown," sources said and added that an official announcement in this regard is expected to be made by Tamilnadu government in a day or two.

The 22 districts include Chennai, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Erode, Vellore, Dindigul, Villupuram, Tirupur, Namakkal, Chengalpattu, Madurai, Tuticorin, Karur, Virudhunagar, Thiruvallur, Tiruvarur, Salem and Nagapattinam.