



## ABSTRACT

Cinemas - Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 – Renewal of "C" form licence for cinema theatres – Amendment to rule - Orders – Issued.

### Home (Cinema) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.352

Dated : 11.07.2023

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சோபகிருது, ஆனி மாதம் 26-ம் நாள்

#### Read:-

1. From the Tamil Nadu Film Exhibitor's Association Representation, dated 20.3.2018.
2. From the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) & the Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Chennai Region, letter No.HDO(A)/40671/2018, dated 17.2.2021.
3. From the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai letter No.RA9(1)/4223961/2023, dated 20.06.2023.

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#### ORDER:

In the representation first read above, the Tamil Nadu Film Exhibitor's Association, Chennai has requested that renewal of "C" Form licence every year as provided in the existing rules may be revised to renew every three years once. In this regard, a meeting was convened on 22.03.2018 by the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department with Hon'ble Ministers, the Principal Secretary / Secretary of the Departments concerned, Head of the Departments concerned and the representatives from the Tamil Nadu Film Exhibitors' Association.

2. As per rule 40(4) of the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 the issuance of Structural Soundness Certificate for cinema theatre building is as follows:-

"40(4) The Executive Engineer shall issue a Certificate of structural soundness of the building in Form "N" along with a report in Form "O" which shall be valid for a period of three years:

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Provided that in the case of a building, which is more than twenty years old, the certificate of structural soundness shall be valid for a period of one year only:

Provided further that for reasons to be recorded in writing, the officer granting the certificate may refuse to issue such certificate."

3. In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) & Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, Chennai Region, Chennai has furnished the following details:-

Sl. No.	Type of Structure	Present Rule as per (G.O.(Ms.) No.1730, Home (Cinema-II) Department, dated 02.12.1993)		Recommended for modified revision	
		Age of building	SSC Renewal period	Age of building	SSC Renewal period
1.	Framed Structures	0 to 20 years	Once in 3 years	0 to 35 years	Valid for 3 years
		Above 20 years	Yearly Once	Above 35 years	Valid for 2 years
2.	Load Bearing Structures	0 to 20 years	Once in 3 years	0 to 20 years	Valid for 3 years
		Above 20 years	Yearly Once	Above 20 years	Valid for 2 years

He has also stated that the concerned Engineer of Public Works Department shall have the power to reduce the period of Structural Soundness Certificate, as mentioned above, based on the structural condition of the theatre building after making the inspection and also shall have the power to inspect the Theatre building at any time. He has also furnished the following points for consideration of the Government:-

- I. Life of building depends on the strength of concrete, type of materials used, durability of materials and design load, etc., adopted and periodic proper maintenance etc., it is difficult to authenticate the design life of building categorically. Before introduction of latest code, as per earlier Indian Code M15 concrete allowed for many years which has lower strength compared to M20, M30 etc. The M20 & M30 Concrete are used in Indian building structures for the past few years according to site conditions.

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- II. After introduction of the Indian Code IS456-1978 (with Limit State Design Concept), Reinforced Concrete structures became more popular and that to in late 80s. Hence, the most of the RCC framed structures in Tamil Nadu are of the age 30 to 35 years only.
- III. Government Buildings in Tamil Nadu are being constructed according to National Building Code / Tamil Nadu Buildings Practice Specifications and design aspects and there is no limitations specified for life span of RCC structures.
- IV. Hence, considering all the above points, it is reasonable to assume the design life of existing RCC structure building (Framed structures) as 35 years.

He has also recommended that necessary Amendment to Rule 40(4) of the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulations) Rules, 1957 may be issued with regard to the validity period for issuance of Structural Soundness Certificate to the Theatre Buildings constructed with Framed Structures & Load Bearing Structures.

4. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has sent his remarks on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) & Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department and stated that the "C" form licence is issued based on Certificates (Fire Service No Objection Certificate, Chief Electrical Inspectors audit Certificate and Public Works Department's building stability certificate for two/three years in addition to the conditions that field inspection should be done once in three months by the Technical Officer) issued from concerned departments. Hence, the periodicity or validity of "C" form licence is to be changed depending on the validity of certificates issued by other departments.

5. The Government, after careful examination of the representation of the Tamil Nadu Film Exhibitor's Association, Chennai, the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) & Chief Engineer (Buildings), Public Works Department, and the remarks of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration, have decided to change the validity period of renewal of "C" Form Licence for Cinema Theatre buildings as detailed below by amending Rule 40(4) of the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 suitably, subject to the condition that powers shall be delegated to the Engineer of Public Works Department concerned to reduce the validity period of Structural Soundness Certificate, based on the structural condition of the theatre building after making inspection and to inspect the theatre

building at any time by the Technical Officer concerned based on the necessity and also subject to the validity of certificates issued by Fire Service, Chief Electrical Inspector and Public Works Department for two/three years:-

- I. In respect of buildings with Framed Structure, which falls within 0 to 35 years of construction, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be 3 years; and for buildings above 35 years, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be only 2 years;
- II. In respect of buildings with Load Bearing Structure, which falls within 0 to 20 years of construction, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be 3 years; and for buildings above 20 years, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be only 2 years.

6. Necessary amendment to the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 will be issued separately.

7. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send the draft amendment proposal to the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957.

**(By ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary/  
Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai - 600 005.

✓ All District Collectors (except District Collector, Chennai).

The Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai Police,  
Chennai - 600 007.

The President, Tamil Nadu Film Exhibitors' Association, Chennai

**Copy to:** The Public Works Department, Chennai - 600 009.

The Energy Department, Chennai - 600 009.

Office of the Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for

Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Chennai - 600 009.

The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,  
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Chennai - 600 009.

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