

**PRESS RELEASE**

- ❖ The State Government of Tamil Nadu has already announced lock out of all Government Offices from 24.03.2020 to 31.03.2020 to control the spreading of CORONO VIRUS except certain essential Departments and services . These services require physical presence of Government staff including Differently Abled Persons, to function in the essential service. Since the Differently Abled Persons, have experienced difficulty in attending their duty, they have requested exemption from attending duty. Considering the representation during the review meeting on 24.03.2020 by all Department Secretaries, with the Chief Secretary, Government has agreed to exempt the differently abled persons from duty during the lock out period. Hence all the Differently Abled Government employees working in the Department of essential service have been exempted from duty from 24.03.2020, during the lock out period.
  
- ❖ The maintenance allowances of Rs 1500 per month is being given to the severely affected differently abled persons, intellectually disabled, persons with muscular dystrophy and leprosy affected persons by the welfare of differently abled persons department. This assistances is being given by the District Differently abled officers to the beneficiaries at the end of every month and being remitted into their bank account. In the lockdown period for prevention of spread of COVID 19 infection Government has announced advance payment of Maintenance allowance for two months to protect the livelihood of the Differently abled persons who are already being benefitted under this scheme. This amount will be credited in their bank account through ECS by the respective DDAWOs in their Districts..

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