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MHA issues Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) to facilitate Movement of Persons by Train

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Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) to facilitate movement of persons by train.

Movement of passengers to & fro and entry at the railway station would be permitted only on confirmed e-ticket. There would be compulsory medical screening of all passengers. Only asymptomatic persons would be allowed to board the train. During the travel and at the railway stations, Strict adherence to Health/hygiene protocols and social distancing.

All passengers would be provided with hand sanitizer at entry and exit points at station and in coaches. Further, it would be ensured that all passengers wear face covers/ masks at entry and during travel. On arrival at their destination, the traveling passengers would have to adhere to such health protocols as are prescribed by the destination State/ UT.

Movement of trains shall be permitted by Ministry of Railways (MoR), in a graded manner, in consultation with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and MHA.

To see the Official Communication to the States/UTs↓

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 11th May, 2020

ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Orders of even number dated 1st May 2020 and 5th May 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), **for movement of persons by train**, as **Annexed** herewith, to Ministries /Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State /Union Territory Authorities, with the directions for their strict implementation.


Home Secretary

To: (As per list attached)

1. The Secretaries of Ministries /Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories

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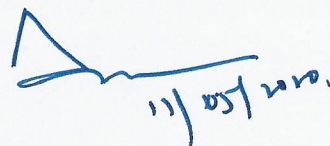
- i) All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii) Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

Annexure

Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), for movement of persons by train

In order to facilitate movement of persons by trains, the following SOP is hereby laid down:

- i. Movement of trains shall be permitted by Ministry of Railways (MoR), in a graded manner, in consultation with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
 - ii. Train schedule; protocols for booking, entry and movement of passengers; and coach service specifications shall be widely publicized by MoR.
 - iii. Only those passengers with confirmed e-tickets shall be allowed to enter the station.
 - iv. The movement of the passenger(s) as well as the driver of the vehicle transporting the passenger(s) to and fro the railway station shall be allowed on the basis of the confirmed e-ticket.
 - v. MoR shall ensure the following at the train stations:
 - a. All passengers shall be compulsorily screened and only asymptomatic passengers are allowed to enter/ board the train.
 - b. All passengers shall be provided with hand sanitizer at entry and exit points at station and in coaches.
 - c. All passengers shall be wearing face covers/ masks at entry and during travel.
 - vi. During boarding and travel, all passengers will have to observe social distancing.
 - vii. Health advisories/ guidelines will be circulated by MoR through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign for their staff and passengers.
 - viii. On arrival at their destination, the traveling passengers will have to adhere to such health protocols as are prescribed by the destination State/ UT.
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