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Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on Movement of Stranded Workers by Trains

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In continuation of the revised consolidated guidelines on lockdown measures dt. 17.05.2020, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued revised Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on movement of stranded workers by trains.

The SOPs allow movement of stranded workers by trains as under:

- Ministry of Railways (MoR) would permit Movement of Shramik Special trains in consultation with MHA.
- All States/ UTs should designate nodal authorities and make necessary arrangements for receiving and sending such stranded persons.
- Based on the requirements of States/UTs, the train schedule, including stoppages and destination would be finalized by MoR. The same would be communicated by MoR to the States/UTs for making suitable arrangements for sending and receiving such stranded workers.
- Publicity of train schedule, protocols for entry and movement of passengers, services to be provided in coaches, and arrangements with States/UTs for booking of tickets would be done by MoR.
- Sending States/ UTs and MoR would ensure that all passengers are compulsorily screened and only asymptomatic passengers are allowed to board the train.
- Social distancing to be observed by all passengers during boarding and travel.
- On arrival at their destination, the travelling passengers will have to adhere to such health protocols as are prescribed by the destination State/ UT.

To see the Official Communication to the States/UTs

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ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 17th May, 2020, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issue revised Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), on movement of stranded workers by trains, as annexed, in supersession of MHA Order of even number dated 1st May, 2020, for strict implementation by Ministries /Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State Union Territory Authorities.

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

Copy to:

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

Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for movement of stranded workers by train

Due to lockdown, migrant workers are stranded at different places. They would be allowed to move by trains as under:

i. Movement of Shramik Special trains shall be permitted by Ministry of Railways (MoR), in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

ii. All States/ UTs should designate nodal authorities and make necessary arrangements for receiving and sending such stranded persons.

iii. The train schedule including stoppages and destination shall be finalized by MoR based on the requirements of States/ UTs and shall be communicated by MoR to the States/ UTs for making suitable arrangements for sending and receiving such stranded workers.

iv. Train schedule; protocols for entry and movement of passengers; services to be provided in coaches; and arrangements with States/ UTs for booking of tickets shall be publicized by MoR.

v. Sending States/ UTs and MoR shall ensure that all passengers shall be compulsorily screened, and only asymptomatic passengers are allowed to board the train.

vi. During boarding and travel, all passengers will have to observe social distancing.

vii. 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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19/05/2020