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Special Trains to be operated for Movement of Stranded Persons across the Country, due to Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19

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Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued an order to allow the movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, stranded at different places across the country, by special trains to be operated by Ministry of Railways (MoR).

MoR would designate nodal officer(s) for coordinating with State/ UTs for their movement. It would also issue detailed guidelines for sale of tickets; for social distancing and other safety measures to be observed at train stations, train platforms and within the trains.

Official Communication to States/UTs is attached below

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No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A) Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001 Dated 1st May, 2020

ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Orders No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15th April, 2020, 16th April, 2020, 19th April, 2020, 21st April, 2020, 24th April, 2020 and 29th April, 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 orders *to include* the following in the consolidated revised guidelines for strict implementation by Ministries /Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State / Union Territory Authorities:

Sub-clause (v) under Clause 17 on Movement of persons by trains:

v. Movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, stranded at different places, is also allowed by special trains to be operated by Ministry of Railways (MoR). MoR will designate nodal officer(s) for coordinating with State/ UTs for their movement. MoR will issue detailed guidelines for sale of tickets; and for social distancing and other safety measures to be observed at train stations, train platforms and within the trains.

The rest of the conditions stipulated for Movement of persons vide Sub-clause (iv) [a,b,c,e,f] will continue to apply to such movement.

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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:

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