

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

No. F.18/DDMA/COVID/2020/192

Dated 23.05.2020

ORDER

Whereas, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) is satisfied that the NCT of Delhi is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and has considered it necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread in NCT of Delhi;

And whereas, Delhi Disaster Management Authority has issued various orders/instructions from time to time to all authorities concerned to take all required measures to appropriately deal with the situation;

And whereas, in pursuance to the orders issued by MHA, Gol, Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has already issued order No.122 dated 01.05.2020, order No.129 dated 03.05.2020, order No.132 dated 04.05.2020, order No. 165 dated 15.05.2020 and order No. 170 dated 17.05.2020 with regard to movement of stranded persons;

And whereas, MHA, Gol vide DO letter No. 40-10/2020-DM-I (A) dated 18.05.2020 **(copy enclosed)** has conveyed certain measures to be implemented, in order to mitigate the distress of migrant workers;

And whereas, MHA, Gol vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 19.05.2020 **(copy enclosed)** has issued revised Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), on movement of stranded workers by trains, in supersession of MHA Order dated 01.05.2020 for strict implementation;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 22 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005; the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, DDMA, GNCTD, hereby directs State Nodal Officer, State Nodal Officer of Delhi Police, State/ UT specific Nodal Officers, All District Magistrates & their counterpart DCPs as well as District Nodal Officer i.e. Addl. District Magistrates & their counterpart Addl. DCPs to ensure strict compliance of measures issued by MHA vide aforesaid DO dated 18.05.2020 in letter and spirit. Further, the requirement of more special trains for migrant persons should be assessed and conveyed the same to Ministry of Railways with the request for running trains and it is also ensured that no migrant worker has to resort to walking on roads or railway tracks to reach his destination.

All authorities concerned shall also ensure the strict compliance of Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on movement of stranded workers by trains, issued by MHA vide aforesaid order dated 19.05.2020.


Encl: - As above.



**(Vijay Dev)
Chief Secretary, Delhi**

Copy for compliance to:

1. Sh. P.K. Gupta, Pr. Secretary (Social Welfare) / State Nodal Officer, GNCTD.
2. Sh. Muktesh Chander, Spl. Commissioner of Police, Delhi / Nodal Officer of Delhi Police.
3. Secretary-cum-Commissioner (Transport).
4. Managing Director, DTC.

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5. All State/ UT specific Nodal Officers.
 6. All District Magistrates of Delhi.
 7. All District Deputy Commissioners of Police, Delhi.
 8. All Addl. District Magistrates of Delhi.
 9. All District Additional DCPs-I of Delhi Police.

Copy for information to:-

1. Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.
2. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi.
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Delhi.
4. Secretary to Hon'ble Health Minister, Delhi.
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Labour Minister, Delhi.
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Transport Minister, Delhi.
7. Secretary to Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister, Delhi.
8. Secretary to Hon'ble Food & Supply Minister, Delhi.
9. Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Delhi.
10. Commissioner of Police, Delhi.
11. Pr. Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner, Delhi.
12. System Analyst, O/o Divisional Commissioner, Delhi for uploading the Order on website of Delhi Government.
13. Guard File.

AJAY BHALLA, IAS



गृह सचिव
Home Secretary
भारत सरकार
Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

D.O. No. 40-10/2020-DM-I(A)

18th May, 2020

Dear *Administrative*,

I am writing in continuation to my D.O. letter of even number dated 15th May, 2020.

2. As you may be aware, fear of COVID-19 infection and apprehension of loss of livelihood are the main driving factors for the movement of stranded workers towards their homes. In order to mitigate the distress of migrant workers, I would be grateful if the following measures could be implemented:

- i) Operation of more special trains by pro-active coordination between States and with Ministry of Railways;
- ii) For routes where the migrants are known to be already travelling on foot, arrangement could be made by the States, which are *en route*, for designated rest places, taking into account requirement of sanitation, food and health;
- iii) District Authorities may guide workers moving on foot to designated rest places, nearby bus terminals or railway stations by arranging transportation ;
- iv) Enlisting the migrants with their addresses and contact numbers, which may be helpful in contact tracing in due course;
- v) Involvement of NGO representatives at rest places etc;
- vi) Alleviation of notion of long quarantine at rest places by District Authorities/ NGO workers;
- vii) Increase in number of buses for transporting migrants;
- viii) Allowing entry of buses carrying migrants at inter-state border;
- ix) Adequate arrangement of food, health care and counseling to encourage the workers to remain at places where they are;
- x) More clarity about departure of trains/ buses, as lack of clarity coupled with rumors caused unrest amongst the workers;
- xi) Special attention may be given to the specific requirements of women, children and elderly amongst the migrant workers.

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3. District Authorities may be directed to request Ministry of Railways for running trains, where required and ensure that no migrant worker has to resort to walking on roads or railway tracks to reach his destination. As you may be aware, Area officers in Ministry of Home Affairs are already assisting State Nodal Officers and Railway Nodal Officers in movement of stranded labour. We would be happy to facilitate the process further.

4. I would also like to draw your attention to the MHA Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 29th April, 2020 relating to the movement of stranded persons. In the said order, it was *inter alia* directed that the States/ UTs falling on the transit route will allow the passage of such persons to the receiving State/ UT. District Authorities may ensure smooth and unhindered movement of buses transporting stranded persons.

5. I would be grateful for your cooperation in pro-active monitoring and resolution of the situation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhalla) 18/05/2020

Administrators of All Union Territories
(As per Standard List attached)

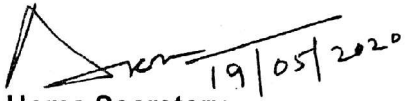
No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 19th May, 2020

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)(I) 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.

19/05/2020