



ABSTRACT

COVID-19 - Guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on 29.04.2020 regarding movement of stranded persons like migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons at different places – **Standard Operating Procedure** – Issued.

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- 1) G.O.Ms.No.172, Revenue & Disaster Management (DM-II) Section, dated: 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 2) Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs Letter No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No.193, Revenue & Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept, dated: 15.04.2020.
- 4) G.O.Ms.No.198, Revenue & Disaster Management, (DM-II) Dated 20.4.2020.
- 5) Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Letter No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.04.2020.
- 6) GO.Ms.No.215, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 30.4.2020.
- 7) From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OC1/563/2020 Dated 2.5.2020.

ORDER

In the Government Order sixth read above, orders were issued with regard to guidelines to be followed during the lock down period with regard to movement of stranded persons like migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons at different places in adherence to the order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

2. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has now sent the Standard Operating Procedure for smooth inter-state movement of stranded persons like migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons from different places as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, to Government.

3. The Government after careful consideration issues the following Standard Operating Procedure for smooth inter-state movement of

stranded persons like migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India:

Standard Operating Procedure for movement of Stranded Persons like Migrant Workers, Pilgrims, Tourists, Students and Other Persons

1. GoI Guidelines:

The Ministry of Home Affairs, vide order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A) dated. 29th, April, 2020 (annexed), has allowed inter-state movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons who are stranded at different places due to lock down.

The Order mandates the State to designate nodal officers to have co-ordination with respective State/UT Government to ensure orderly receiving and sending stranded people between Tamil Nadu and other states/UTs as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) devised. Accordingly the following orders are issued.

2. State Nodal Officers:

- ❖ Dr. Atulya Misra, IAS., Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department has been designated the Nodal Officer for the State for the movement of persons.
- ❖ At the State Level, a team of the Officers is constituted to assist to work with Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department.
 - a) Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
 - b) Additional Chief Secretary, Labour & Employment Department
 - c) Principal Secretary, Transport Department
 - d) Commissioner of Revenue Administration
 - e) Commissioner, Transport Department
 - f) Commissioner, Labour Department
 - g) ADGP, Operations, Chennai (Representative from DGP office)
- ❖ District Collectors in the respective districts and Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation in respect of Chennai are designated as District Nodal Officer for movement of persons.
- ❖ Group of All India Service Officers have been appointed as State Nodal Officers to interact and facilitate movement of people between various States/UT and Tamil Nadu will be issued separately.

3. Registration and epass system:

- ❖ All Stranded people including migrant workers, pilgrims tourists, students and other persons from Tamil Nadu who are stranded outside Tamil Nadu, and also those people who want to go to other States from Tamil Nadu, need to register themselves in a portal (<http://nonresidenttamil.org>). This is for the purpose of ascertaining the movement of persons and making necessary testing and quarantine arrangements.
- ❖ TN e-pass portal (<http://tnepass.tnega.org>) has been operationalised. In the system, 'RETURN OF STRANDED PEOPLE' has been added as additional provision for issue of e-pass for movement of people within a district/ within Tamil Nadu/ Inter-State movement, apart from the earlier approved grounds (marriage, funeral and medical emergency). Stranded persons who wish to return to their place can apply for e pass. **No movement of stranded persons shall be permitted without TN-ePass.**

4. Priority in Movement:

a. Movement of Individuals through Private Vehicles

To begin with, stranded individuals and families i.e., stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons will be allowed to leave / enter the state with their own vehicles/ private vehicles after obtaining necessary e-pass.

b. Movement of Groups through Arranged Trains / Buses

- ❖ In respect of movement of people in group the nodal officer in consultation with the district administration and respective State government will decide on the number and mode of transport and make arrangements for screening / testing. No group of persons shall be allowed to leave unless they have an appropriate order of District Collector indicating the name and number of persons, vehicle details and the specified route (transit route pass of both Tamil Nadu and the recipient State) GoI has instructed all the State Governments / UTs to honour route passes issued by various governments.
- ❖ For movement of small group of people, State Transport buses may be engaged on request. If the recipient State wants to engage their own buses or private buses or request special trains, the same may also be permitted.
- ❖ Those desirous of using government facilitated travel (Train/Bus) among stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons and will be allowed to

move in groups, in consultation with receiving/sending states, in orderly and planned manner. Respective District Collector, guided by the Nodal Officers of respective states shall prepare a schedule for movement of group of persons to ensure smooth and seamless flow.

- ❖ In case of movement of large number of stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, the Nodal officers of sending and receiving States must decide on a Point to Point Train through Railways. Railways have issued detailed guidelines in this regard. Transport Corporation buses may be engaged to transport people from their place of stay to the Railway Station. **The cost of the transit shall be paid for by the recipient State (or) individuals.** Adequate food and water arrangements be ensured for persons boarding the train as these will be Point to Point trains. The recipient State may be alerted on likely arrival time so that they can make arrangements for the local travel from the Railway Station, testing, screening etc.
- ❖ The vehicle / buses / trains used for transport shall be necessarily sanitized before and after use and social distancing norms shall be scrupulously followed in the seating arrangements.
- ❖ All individuals must wear mask, use sanitizer and keep physical distance during the travel.

5. Screening and Testing Facilities:

- ❖ All individual / group of people coming into Tamil Nadu will be tested for Covid-19 on arrival at the designated entry check post at a specified time or disembarkment station if it is train. **Such person(s) would be tested for COVID-19 and kept in quarantine in nearby places.** If results are negative (-ve), they will be sent for home quarantine for 28 days or in high risk cases, they will continue to be put in institutional quarantine and kept under watch with frequent health check-ups. If test is found positive, they will be shifted to COVID hospital.
- ❖ All individuals who are leaving in groups shall be screened with thermal scanner before they board bus/train etc. Persons having symptoms shall not be allowed to board and shall be taken to health facility.
- ❖ Individuals who are leaving will be screened with Thermal Scanner at check posts.

