



ABSTRACT

Movement of stranded persons like migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists and students and other persons at difference places – Standard Operating Procedure Issued - Amendments and issue of **REVISED** Standard Operating Procedure – Issued.

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM.II)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No. 225

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Read:

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.172, Revenue & Disaster Management (DM-II) Section, dated: 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.193, Revenue & Disaster Management (DM-II) Dept, dated: 15.04.2020.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No.198, Revenue & Disaster Management, (DM-II) Dated 20.4.2020.
- 4) Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Letter No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.04.2020.
- 5) GO.Ms.No.215, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 30.4.2020.
- 6) GO.Ms.No.218, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 3.5.2020
- 7) GO.Ms.No.224, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 6.5.2020

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ORDER

In the Government Order sixth referred above, orders were issued with regard to Standard Operating Procedure for smooth inter-state movement of stranded migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons across the State as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India. In the Government Order seventh referred above, it is ordered to replace the Para 1 of title No. 5 (i.e.) Screening and Testing Facilities by amending the GO.Ms.No.218, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II), dated 3.5.2020 as follows:

5. Screening and Testing Facilities:

- ❖ The incoming passes issued by TNeGA will be checked for all individual/group of people coming into Tamil Nadu intercepted at

border and details of passengers, and their destination will be recorded on arrival at the designated entry check post at a specified time or disembarkment station, if it is train. They will be allowed to go to their respective home districts where such persons(s) would be screened for COVID-19. If they are symptomatic they will be tested for COVID-19. If results turn positive, they will be isolated and sent to hospital/care centre depending on symptoms. In mild symptom cases, where person is otherwise asymptomatic, option can be given to the person to opt for home treatment, with due precaution after obtaining undertaking. If results turn negative, they can be sent to home quarantine. All such symptomatic persons put for testing shall be kept in institutional quarantine, till the test result is obtained.

If the persons are asymptomatic 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.

2. In continuation of the above orders, the Government hereby issues the following amendment to the GO.Ms.No.218, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 3.5.2020 read with GO.Ms.No.224, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 6.5.2020 as detailed below:

(1) In title No.4 Priority in Movement and under the heading b.Movement of Groups through Arranged Trains/Buses, in Para 4 for the words "The cost of the transit shall be paid for by the recipient State (or) individuals" the following words shall be added:

" If individual migrants or the receiving States are not in a position to pay the cost of transit (including cost of train ticket), the same will be paid by Government of Tamil Nadu under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)".

(2) In title No.5 Screening and Testing Facilities after Para 1 the following Para shall be added:

"Poor persons and labourers who cannot afford to have safe home quarantine, and High risk persons who are returning from hotspots (State and Cities with high incidence of Corona outbreak), should be put on compulsory institutional quarantine for 14 days i.e., till two tests turn negative."

Based on the above amendments, the Government hereby issues a **Revised Standard Operating Procedure as below:**

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

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) Govt 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. **If individual migrants or the receiving States are not in a position to pay the cost of transit (including cost of train ticket), the same will be paid by Government of Tamil Nadu under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** 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:

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- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Individuals may be encouraged to use Aarogya Setu app / IVRS through which their health status can be monitored and tracked.
- ❖ The guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on home quarantine, dated 27.04.2020 which is enclosed herewith should be followed.

(By order of the Governor)

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