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Sub: Detailed instructions regarding providing facilities to the Migrant Labourers and vulnerable groups affected due to new lockdown announced in some of the Districts and Bengaluru and also opening up of Mustering Centers and running of Shramik Trains.

3) D.O. No. 11034/01/2020-IS-IV dtd.27.03.2020 of the Union Home Secretary, Government of India addressed to all the Chief Secretaries.
5) Circular No. RD 150 PRS 2020 dated 28th March 2020 by the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department and Nodal Officer, Migrants Issue addressed to all the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts.
6) Lockdown Order No. RD 158 TNR 2020 dated 13th July 2020 issued by the Chief Secretary & Chairman, State Executive Committee.

1) In the meeting chaired by the Hon’ble Chief Secretary through a Video Conference on 14th July 2020 at 2.30 p.m. wherein the Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary – Home Department, DG & IG of Police, Commissioner – BBMP, Additional Chief Secretary – Agriculture Department, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru, Additional Chief Secretary – E-Governance Department and Principal Secretaries of Transport, Industries & Commerce, Labour, Horticulture and Revenue Department (Disaster Management) were present in which the Chief Secretary directed opening up of relief centers in the districts affected by the lockdown, mustering centers at Bengaluru and running of Shramik trains after New Lockdown period.
It was decided that in case of Bengaluru, the Principal Secretary, Labour Department and the Commissioner, BBMP will be jointly working together as they have worked in the earlier lockdown periods. The Labour Department and the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike will be jointly supplying the cooked food as well as dry ration after clearly identifying the migrant workers and other vulnerable sections during the new lockdown.

2) It was also decided to keep open one Musterinng Center namely Tripuravasini, Palace Grounds at Bengaluru during the lockdown period. All those migrant workers who wish to go back to their home States through Shramik Trains will be accommodated at Tripuravasini Musterinng Center and they will be provided with food, water and sanitation facilities as well as accommodation. Once the lockdown period is over steps will be taken for transportation of all migrant workers to their respective home States through Shramik Trains.

3) In case of the Districts where lockdown is announced, concerned Deputy Commissioners along with the officials of the District administration will take the following measures for the identification and distribution of relief materials for the migrants workers and other vulnerable sections.

a) The Districts where lockdown is announced will open relief shelters for the migrant workers and other vulnerable sections and provide them with shelter and medical care. Wherever there is requirement, dry ration kits will also be supplied by the District administration in coordination with NGOs.

b) The District administration should pro-actively distribute allotment of rations for the months of July to November 2020 under Pradhan Mantri Gharib Kalyan Yojana as well as ration under National Food Security Act.

c) However, there are concerns that due to new lockdown, there could still be people belonging to vulnerable groups like transgenders, migrant workers, destitute, beggars, sex workers etc. in a dire condition, requiring immediate relief in the form of shelter, food or both from the Government.

d) Thus, there is an imminent need to conduct a repeat survey by the Revenue department in coordination with the Grama Panchayats in rural areas and Urban Local Bodies in Urban areas to identify;

i) Migrant workers, homeless, destitute, etc. who need shelter and food.

ii) Vulnerable and poor households, migrant workers, etc. with shelter but needing dry ration or cooked food, as the case may be.
The Revenue department officials in coordination with the Panchayat officials in the Grams Panchayats and the ward level officials in the urban local bodies shall make a list of all such people in their jurisdiction in the next couple of days. Name, age, address, Aadhar number and phone number, where available shall be recorded to enable the district administration to properly track the individual/household and provide requisite help.

If persons so identified as vulnerable are having a ration card, they shall be facilitated to get their quota of rations from the public distribution system. Ration Card Holders of Karnataka can get their rations from any Fair Price Depot in Karnataka. Ration Card Holders from other States can also get ration as per NFSA norms from any FPD through the inter-state portability portal of GOI.

4) If persons identified as vulnerable do not have a ration card, the following action has to be taken:

a) People belonging to vulnerable groups and needing shelter and food shall be accommodated in the existing camps or in newly opened camps as the case may be by the Grama Panchayats and the urban local bodies, and provided hygienic food, clean drinking water, access to clean toilets and medical care. Social distancing shall be strictly followed.

b) The Grama Panchayats and the Municipal Bodies may use their own resources for this purpose as per the directions contained in the circulars referred to above. The district administration shall provide necessary assistance from SDRF as needed.

c) People belonging to vulnerable groups without a ration card but with shelter need to be provided prepared food or dry rations depending on their requirement. Dry ration kits could be supplied using SDRF funds by notifying the dwellings/localities/hutments etc., where such vulnerable households dwell as relief camps. Funds released by the Building and Construction workers board of the Labour department, if any, could be utilized as per applicable norms or support of NGOs, corporate, cooperative sector etc., could be accessed in the form of contribution in kind.

d) Dry ration kits shall be supplied to the door step of the identified individuals/household by the local officials, and due acknowledgement shall be taken. Where prepared food is being supplied, it must be ensured that daily requirements of food of atleast two meals a day of individual are met with by assigning the responsibility to a designated official.
e) The location of the shelters and the fact that the needy will be provided shelter and food in designated camps shall be publicized by the local ward and gram panchayat officials. Announcements could be made through vehicles fitted with Megaphone / Public Address System / FM radio so that vulnerable people needing shelter could immediately approach the officials concerned. The district control room numbers shall also be publicized. A list of such shelters with the contact numbers of the offices incharge shall be shared with the nodal officer for coordination with the NGOs in the district for wide dissemination among the NGOs.

f) In shelters, district administration should provide wholesome meal to the inmates. Where prepared food packets are being distributed, care shall be taken to ensure that minimum 350 gm of nutritious food is served per meal.

g) Regular health checkups have to be conducted to the individuals in the shelter camps, and also to those living in hutments, notified or non-notified slums etc.

h) Efforts should be made to convince the public that shelter homes are only there to provide transit accommodation and food for the vulnerable groups, and they shall not be mistaken for quarantine camps.

i) A dry ration kit shall have 5 kg rice, 2 kg dal, half litre oil, half kg sugar, half kg salt and appropriate quantity of spices as minimal requirement. The districts are free to add more components to the kit. Where feasible, such kit with soap, paste, tooth brush etc., shall be arranged.

j) The Districts shall co-ordinate their efforts with the local NGOs so that there is no duplication, and that there is coverage of the region so that the needs of all identified vulnerable groups are addressed. Attention is drawn to the letter no FCS/40/FCS/2020 dated 11.04.2020. Rice could be obtained at subsidized rate from FCI for food kits / preparation of food by charitable / non-government organizations engaged in relief operations / running relief camps for migrant labourers / vulnerable groups.

k) The districts and rural and urban local bodies shall keep proper documentation with respect to shelter homes, distribution of prepared food and dry ration kits etc.

l) Best practices, if any, shall be shared with the State Government for circulation to other districts.
5) The District administration is also directed to make provision for installation of TV alongwith cable connection for the entertainment of the inmates of the shelter homes. However, social distancing norms shall be strictly complied with.

This circular is issued in concurrence with Principal Secretary to Government, Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology Department, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department, Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department and Principal Secretary to Government, Labour Department.

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