Raipur: Chhattisgarh CM demands provision for payment of expenditure on inter-state and intra-state transport of labors and other persons in State Disaster Response Fund

Chhattisgarh CM writes to Prime Minister

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today requested the Centre for proper provision in SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) for the payment of expenses incurred on inter-state transportation of migrant workers and other persons.

The Chief Minister said that one million 94 thousand migrant workers and other persons of Chhattisgarh are stranded in other states and are anxious to return to their home for the circumstances arising out of the lockdown.

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Labourers from the states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, UP, West Bengal, and others were transported by rail and road and those stranded have started returning from May 11. There is currently no provision for the workers to pay the expenses incurred in rail and bus transport from SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund).

The state government has also decided to provide local bus and facilitation and SDRF funds to state laborers going to other states through buses on Chhattisgarh's part. An amount of expected to be spent in transport and other facilities of the workers.

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In addition, provision has been made by the March 28 letter of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, he said that in this letter a provision has been made to spend up to 25 per cent limit from the State Disaster Response Fund out of the amount available for the provision of certain material.

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