The Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant exhorted the people to be self-sustainable to recover from post lockdown effects. He also urged upon them to contribute to the Covid fund and adopt precautionary measures like maintaining social distancing, wearing mask etc.

Dr. Sawant replying to the people on the live facebook page of CMO today in an interview with Shri Shyam Gaonkar, Information Assistant, DIP appealed to the people to volunteer themselves to be Covid warriors and work to make Goa Corona free state.

Dr. Sawant said that the Government has started to send stranded people from other part of the country to their respective states. So far 7000 people including labourers are sent to their native places which has created shortage of man power for any work. This is therefore the time for Goans to rise and set an example to self sustain for future. Goa Government has provided adequate and standard facilities to the people at the shelter homes.

State Government he said will prepare a strategy plan for lockdown 4.0 which will commence from May 18, wherein the State will decide as to what to start and what not to start considering the requests from various business sectors keeping in mind the MHA guidelines.

Dr. Sawant said Government has set-up a committee to analyse and prepare village to village survey on the availability of manpower, available resources in a village, work force. This report will help to create jobs for the Goans, he pointed.

Shri Sawant said that 95 percent of the Industries, especially the Pharma industries have started full-fledged. Dr Sawant also admitted that some industries are facing problems to commence their operation or operate at full capacity due to scarcity of the labourers, who have already left the State. The Chief Minister appealed to these industries to employ locals in the respective jobs that will go a long way to create employment opportunities for the local youths,” he said.

The Company desiring to bring their employees from outside will has to seek permission and follow proper procedure or otherwise they have to wait till May 17 for the decision of MHA. The State has to strengthen Labour Reforms to encourage more and more industries in the State, he said.

Dr Sawant said that the woman who died in isolation ward of GMC was suffering from COVID-19 is not correct and that it was a rumour. He appealed to the people should not believe in rumours. There has been no death due to corona virus infection in Goa, he said.

Shri Sawant speaking on the fake news prevailing in the State said that Goa Government adopted all precautionary measures for checking of suspected Covid patient. Goa has the facility to screen 500 to 600 suspected patients per day and have taken all precautionary measure for screening the patients who are coming in the State from outside.

On starting of the academic year, Shri Sawant said that he interacted with Goa Board of Education, Higher Education and State Executive Committee about the status in the State and only then the Government has decided start the various exams, admission process and academic year one month later. We have to lay more stress on online teaching, he remarked.
The Chief Minister said that the state is ready to welcome tourists once the situation normalizes nationally. He said that Goa will have its own Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for tourists—to screen them on their arrival.

Dr. Sawant informed that 400 Goans who are scheduled to arrive from Delhi by train at Margao will be checked and kept under home quarantine for 14 days. Goa is only State which has provided Corona test and quarantine facility free of cost. 800 stranded Goan which are on Carnival cruise will reach Mormugao Port on June 5, he remarked.

Congratulating the farmers he said 95% of agricultural activities have been completed in the State. Goan farmers are strong enough and will continue the agriculture activity without any outside labours. Agriculture activities in the State have remained unaffected despite labourers migrating to their native state, he added.

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