KERALA REITERATED ITS DEMAND FOR RAISING THE LENDING LIMIT FROM THE CENTER

Thiruvananthapuram, 15 May: The Chief Minister of Kerala, Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan, today reiterated the demand from the Central Government to increase its borrowing limit from the current 3% to 5%. ” Due to the lockdown, revenue collection has fallen sharply, and to overcome the financial obstacles requires an increase in US borrowing limit. The central government recently its borrowing limit of 5.5% has increased, but the state border is still 3% is. The Center has not raised the lending limit despite repeated requests. It does not conform to the basic principles of the federal system,” he said.

The Chief Minister also said that there is nothing new in the announcement made by the Union Finance Minister to allocate more funds to the states for the welfare of workers working in other states. The amount allocated to the Disaster Relief Fund is only a part of the Center's amount. The 15th Finance Commission had allocated a central share of Rs 314 crore to Kerala, but the state has only half of it i.e. Rs 157 crore.

“ We have asked the Prime Minister to allow special grants to states in the context of the status of Kovid and give additional consideration to include it in the second report of the 15th Finance Commission. It is incorrect to characterize the central contribution to the disaster relief fund as a help to prevent Kovid-19.”

The state government has already given Rs 7 crore to the district collectors from disaster relief fund and Rs 15 crore to the health department for purchasing medical equipment. According to the criteria, only the state of 25% on relief work and 10% can be spent on equipment. Only this much can be used from the SDRF amount. The state is using budgetary funds to distribute welfare pensions.

Special train to bring back Keralites stranded from eight states

The Chief Minister also announced today that the Indian Railways has agreed to arrange trains to bring the stranded Malayalis back to Kerala in eight states. Railways has also announced that the Bengaluru-Thiruvananthapuram Island Express is scheduled to operate daily. Efforts are being made to make it a non-AC train.

Meanwhile, five states have approved the return of migrant laborers from Kerala. 28 trains will be sent to West Bengal from 18 May to 14 June.

“ There is growing concern among Malayali students in Delhi that there is no special train to Kerala. It is not practical for these students to book online for IRCTC and also for special AC trains, they cannot afford the fare of AC train. In this scenario, we are trying to arrange transport of students by non-AC trains. A helpdesk in Delhi is coordinating efforts. “ He also said that the state government would be able to announce the details of these special trains in a day or two.
Kovid from Kerala - 19 news

16 new cases today, treatment of total 80 patients continues

Thiruvananthapuram 15 May in Kerala today Kovid- 19 of the 16 confirmed new cases. Five individual Wayanad district, four of Malappuram district, come Lppuja and two Kollam and Kozhikode district, one person Palakkad and Casrkod districts which have tested positive.

Seven of them have returned from abroad - four from the United Arab Emirates, two from Kuwait and one from Saudi Arabia. Six have returned from other states of the country - four from Tamil Nadu and two from Maharashtra. There are three cases of primary contact.

Meanwhile, no patient has recovered from coronavirus today. The total number of Kovid- 19 cases in the state is 576, and 80 patients are currently undergoing treatment in various hospitals, with the maximum 19 patients in Wayanad district.

48,825 persons are currently in isolation in various districts across the state. Of these 48,287 are at their homes and 538 are isolated in hospitals. Today, 122 people were hospitalized, most with 36 in Malappuram district, 17 in Kozhikode district and 16 in Kasarcode district.

So far 42,201 samples have been sent for testing, and of these, 40,639 samples have not detected any infection. As part of the high-risk group watchdog monitoring, 4,630 samples were collected separately and tested. Of these, infection was not detected in 4,424 samples.

There are 16 hotspots in Kerala so far.

After giving information about the status of Kovid in the state, Chief Minister Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan said, “Everyone is concerned about the increase in cases. We should be more careful and reduce the likelihood of local contact. Collective distance and other safety measures are important and should be strictly followed. Those in quarantine should not go out for any reason.” Today police have registered 65 cases against those who violate the quarantine.

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