CM ensures necessary arrangements to bring back stranded Gujaratis amidst lockdown

Gandhinagar, Saturday: Chief Minister of the state Mr. Vijay Rupani directed the state administration to ensure the safe return of stranded Gujaratis amidst the lockdown.

Providing details of the CM’s instructions, Secretary to CM Mr. Ashwani Kumar said, “The stranded Gujaratis can provide their details on the state’s control room number 079-23251900. The appointed IAS and IPS officers for this task from Gujarat will contact their counterparts and regional administration in the concerned states for issuing a permit pass.”

The CM further said that the state government will provide a permit pass and perform a health check for migrant workers who wish to return to their respective home states on their personal expenses. The workers will have to provide their details on the district administration helpline number 1077. A large number of migrant workers are located in Ahmedabad and Surat. The migrant workers from these cities have been sent to their respective home states via buses. Based on the new guidelines issued by Government of India, these workers will now be sent via trains. A train from Surat to Orissa and 2 trains from Ahmedabad to Uttar Pradesh have been arranged for the same. Around 1200 passengers in each train will be sent back their respective homes. The train tickets will have to be purchased by the migrant workers on their own. However, tickets will only be provided to those who have provided their details on the district helpline number.

The CM has also decided to provide Food Security Allowance to 51 lakh 72 thousand beneficiaries of Mid-day Meal Scheme from class 1 to 8. A total of 1,56,612 quintals of food grains which includes 78,306 quintals of wheat and 78,306 quintals of rice, has been provided to these children. In addition to that, the state government has deposited a total sum of ₹ 75.59 crores as cooking cost in the bank account of the children or their parents.

A total of 2112 works have been started in 33 districts under SSJA. 138 of them have been completed so far. 4511 tools have been used for the work and 22 organisations have joined hands for the same. Employment of 1,00,239 man days have been generated so far and the water holding capacity of the state through these works has reached 7,50,286 cubic feet.

1, 22, 062 labourers have attained employment under 3719 works under MNREGA in 33 districts.