**CM: 21,500 migrant workers from Gujarat return to their native states through 18 trains in the last 3 days**

**Gandhinagar, Monday:** Chief Minister of the state Mr. Vijay Rupani has made provisions in accordance with the guidelines issued by the MHA of Union Government to ensure that the migrant workers from Gujarat return to their respective states in a safe manner.

Providing details of the same, Secretary to CM Mr. Ashwani Kumar said, “21,500 workers have been successfully sent to their respective homes via special labour trains in the last 3 days. 7 trains were arranged from Surat to Orissa, 1 train for Jharkhand and Bihar each, 6 trains from Ahmedabad to U.P, 3 trains to Bihar, 1 train each from Vadodara, Palanpur and Nadiad to U.P”.

The state government shall arrange more trains for the migrant workers as and when the Central Government approves more trains for Gujarat for the same. The migrant workers are required to provide their details to the concerned District Collector on the 1077 helpline number.

There are a number of jewellers from various parts of Gujarat such as Botad, Amreli, Bhavnagar etc working in Surat. The Chief Minister is deliberating on the ways to ensure that they reach to their native place in a safe manner. The state government shall decide on this at an appropriate time. The matter, at present, is under consideration.

The jewellers will undergo health check up in Surat in a phase wise manner and they will undergo the same process when they reach their respective native districts/villages. The Municipal Corporation/Panchayat will be the nodal authority to put them under a 14 day quarantine if required. They will not be allowed to leave Surat incase they are suffering from cold, fever, cough etc. At the same time, they will not be allowed to return to Surat for a minimum period of one month after they reach to their native place. The District Collector of Surat will form a roadmap under the guidance of the state government after a detailed discussion with concerned District Collectors.

The state government shall also begin free food distribution for 61 lakh non-NFSA APL-1 card holding families, i.e. around 2.5 crore people through 17,000 fair price shops from 7th May to 11th May, 2020. It will be compulsory for the people to wear masks while availing food grains. The government will follow ‘No Mask, No Grain’ motto this time.
Dates for free food grain distribution for non-NFSA APL-1 card holders based on last digit are as following:

- Card holders with the last digit as 1 and 2 will avail the grains on 7th May, 2020
- Card holders with the last digit as 3 and 4 on 8th May, 2020
- Card holders with last digit as 5 and 6 on 9th May, 2020
- Card holders with last digit as 7 and 8 on 10th May, 2020
- Card holders with last digit as 9 and 0 on 11th May, 2020.

The government has decided to continue the distribution on 12th May, 2020 for all those beneficiaries who are unable to avail the grains as the per aforesaid slots due to unavoidable circumstances.

Around 3,000 industrial units have re-started in Jamnagar and Junagadh after the new guidelines for Lockdown 3.0 issued by MHA for restarting industrial units in Orange and Green Zones. Around 30,000 labourers have resumed their duties.

Buses services shall be restarted for Green Zones with a 50% capacity.