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Gujarat operates 262 labour trains for 3.9 lakh migrant workers

Gandhinagar, Wednesday: Chief Minister of the state Mr. Vijay Rupani has been sensitive towards migrant labourers amidst the lockdown. In order to ensure their safety and welfare, the state government has operated 262 labour trains for 3.9 lakh migrant workers to enable them to reach to their native state in a safe manner.

Providing details of the same, Secretary to the CM, Mr. Ashwani Kumar said, “640 labour trains were operated across India until yesterday. Gujarat has operated 41% of the total labour trains, i.e 262 labour trains, to ensure the safe return of 3.9 lakh migrant workers. Gujarat is the only state in India to cross a three digit figure in operating labour trains. 37 trains will operate today for U.P, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for 56,700 migrant workers.”

99 labour trains (15%) have been operated by Maharashtra, 81 by Punjab (13%), 33 by Telangana (5%), 36 by Karnataka (5%), and 27 by Rajasthan (4%).

Out of the 37 trains that will operate today, 27 trains will leave for U.P, 5 for Bihar, 3 for Orissa, 1 each for M.P and Chhattisgarh. Out of this, 10 trains will be operated from Ahmedabad, 3 from Vadodara, 12 from Surat, 4 from Rajkot, and the remaining from other districts.

Migrant workers are provided food and potable water in the trains and the state government is ensuring all the safety protocols during their journey.

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