Government of Andhra Pradesh
Covid-19 – State Command Centre

COVID ORDER – 47

SOP for entry of migrants stranded in different states into Andhra Pradesh


In commensurate with the orders of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, the SoP for entry into the State of Andhra Pradesh from various other States is appended as hereunder.

Large number of migrant labour, stranded persons such as students, pilgrims are expected to return to the State of Andhra Pradesh. Government of Andhra Pradesh has developed a portal SPANDANA for registering requests from persons stranded in Andhra Pradesh for going out of AP and persons who are ordinary residents of Andhra Pradesh and stranded in other States and wants to come to AP. In either case the Government of AP is issuing, entry/exit passes strictly adhering to the guidelines communicated by GoI – MoHA.

In view of good number of requests from individual stranded persons in other states belonging to AP a decision has been taken to limit issue of entry passes and give priority to the Stranded Migrant workers students, pilgrims at various States who are in acute distress. Out of this also, priority will be given to the Migrant Labour who are in distress.

Inward movement of people from other States is expected by Rail/Road and Water. In order to have proper control in medical screening and registering all the entries the collectors need to make the following arrangements at the Inter State Border Check Posts.
A. **Entry by Rail:** in view of the decision of Government of India to run Shramik Trains between point to point from various States to AP, it is decided that disembarkment points will be

- Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Renigunta and Guntakal.
- Any other disembarking point can be decided if majority of the passengers belongs to a particular district in consultation with State control room. In that case same arrangements what are proposed at the above disembarkation points to be done temporarily at that place.

The train will be taken to the Disembarkment point depending on the composition of migrant labour in the special trains duly consulting with the respective State Governments. The list provided by the respective State Government will be examined with reference to the native districts of the people desiring to come to Andhra Pradesh and as far as possible ensuring that people belonging to the nearby native districts of the disembarking point will be considered before giving No Objection Certificate to the respective State Government.

Each of such request will be sent to the District where the Collector of the respective district shall cause enquiry about the genuineness of the request of the people willing to come to Andhra Pradesh and check the reason for arrival giving priority to Migrant Labour under distress. Once the genuineness is established, the State Control Room duly informing the Chief Secretary will issue No Objection Certificate to the concerned State.

B. **By water:** if any request comes for transport of the people and migrant labour through maritime States is received, the identified disembarking points are

- Krishnapatnam Port in Nellore, Kakinada Port in East Godavari District and Vizag Port in Visakhapatnam District.
The same arrangements as in case of receiving sramik train will be made at disembarking point to ensure medical screening, recording of the persons and dispatch to the respective district receiving centers.

C. **Entry by Road**: For facilitating entry of stranded persons by Road, the following Eleven (11) inter State border check posts are notified.

- Purushottauram (SKLM) - Odisha
- Dachepalli (GNTR), Panchalingala (KRNL), Garikapadu (KRI), Tiruvuru (KRI), Jeelugumili (WG) - Telangana
- Tada (NLR), Renigunta (CTR), Narahariipeta (CTR) - Tamilnadu
- Palamanair (CTR), Penugonda (ATP) - Karnataka.

**Procedure to be followed at Inter State Boarder Check Points and disembarkment points:**

1. Returnees shall produce entry pass issued from Spandana portal/permission issued by the respective State Government in case of sramik trains at check post points and disembarkment points upon arrival.
2. Effort will be made to get the passenger manifest in advance from the States in case of Sramik trains and will be loaded to Spandana online application in migrant labour provision made in the application.
3. At these points, entry passes shall be subject to verification from the point of validity and authenticity.
4. Concerned district collectors of check posts/disembarkment points shall make necessary arrangements for hassle-free entry of returnees, basing on number of returnees likely to enter at various points.
5. In token of having reported at border check point/disembarkment points as the case may be details need to be updated in the system. Returnees whose details are updated in the system only shall be
allowed to undergo health screening and further processing. A mobile app shall be used for this purpose.

6. All the persons will be made to download Arogya setu application in their mobiles. Proper procedure for down loading the app shall be displayed at these points in Telugu and English.

7. Similarly the advisory to be followed in travel, reception centers, quarantine centers and during the home quarantine are to be displayed. Arrangements may be made to distribute pamphlets containing all the above details.

8. Returnees shall be subject to health screening and categorised into symptomatic and asymptomatic. Details of returnees with symptomatic conditions are to be updated in the system and such returnees shall be quarantined in the nearby district COVID health centre for sample collection and testing.

9. Asymptomatic returnees are stamped on the back of their palm with indelible ink for subjecting them to quarantine in close proximity of place of their residence.

10. After screening, all asymptomatic returnees will be segregated into groups basing on destination districts and after pooling them into a size of around 100 returnees, they are allowed to head towards their destination districts reception centers in their own vehicles. Each such group shall be escorted by a Nodal officer of village level functionary duly carrying list of all returnees in group with the assistance of police. He/she shall ensure that no one slips mid-way and handover returnees to responsible functionary at the District reception center for sending them to their respective places for quarantine.

11. Soon after reporting at reception centres at districts, returnees information is to be entered into the system in token of having reported at reception centers. Any missing cases need to be enquired and tracing shall be done to ensure they are quarantined. Appropriate action to be taken against such persons.
12. The incharge at the District reception centre will allot the quarantine facility depending on availability of beds at different quarantine centres in the District. As far as possible, the groups of people shall not be mixed to avoid spread of the virus to other groups.

13. The application in Spandana is developed in such a way that once the entry is done at District reception centers and quarantine centre is allotted, the data will automatically be pushed to the health application to ensure further management of testing and relieving the persons after institutional quarantine till the end home quarantine by the health functionaries.

D. **Infrastructure requirements at entry points/Disembarkation points/ district reception centers:**

The District administration shall ensure the following facilities at the designated entry points immediately.

i. A duly lit up parking area on both sides of roads with levelled land to accommodate substantial number of vehicles. Checks for water logging may be kept in mind as rainy days are expected. Facilities for disinfecting vehicles need be ensured.

ii. Permanent building with proper facilities need to be identified. If there is no such facility an all-weather Pandal to accommodate not less than 500 persons at a time is to be arranged with ample waiting area with chairs, lights and fans.

iii. The Pandal should have following facilities too:

   a) Drinking water supply.
   b) Separate rest rooms for males and females.
   c) Functional space for office at one end of the pandal with Queue system to attend the inbound persons.
   d) There should a proper Queue system to reach the desks.
e) Required IT infrastructure with proper support should be provided at the desks-20 to 30 systems with printers.
f) Provision for health check-up cubicles. This could be arranged in open area also adhering to COVID-19 containment protocol.
g) Office space/rooms with washroom facilities for the officials deployed.
h) Ambulance with paramedics.
i) Wheel Chair facility.
j) Dedicated vehicles for taking symptomatic passengers to designated centres for testing/ sample collections near the disembarkation point.

E. **General:**

1. District Collectors to ensure that returnees enter through this designated check post/disembarrassment points only.
2. Movement of vehicles from one state to other state transiting through Andhra Pradesh should not be stopped. Such vehicles will have one police personal to escort them till the border of A.P. This vehicle cannot stop in the A.P.
3. MIS reports to be enabled for easy access to district collectors for monitoring and tracking number returnees entering at various points on real time basis.
4. Food & refreshments for staff and returnees to be organized at entry points and reception centers.
5. Police bandobust arrangements to be done at entry points/reception centres.
7. Collector shall issue return passes for return journey of vehicles which have come to drop returnees.
8. Many returnees, who entered the state by walk or through two wheelers or other means unauthorizedly, shall be tracked and action taken as per SOPs put in place.

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