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Health & Family Welfare Services

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- Sub:** Uniform SOP for inter-state migrant workers coming to State.
- Ref 1:** No: BMRCL/MD/PS/2020-21, dated: 02.07.2020
- 2:** Letter to Technical Committee dated: 13.08.2020
- 3:** SOP prepared by TAC dated: 14.08.2020

With reference to the above subject, many construction projects in the State were temporarily stopped due to shortage of migrant workers during the lockdown period. With the opening of borders in unlock period the workers started to arrive in Karnataka. Hence, there is a need to implement an uniform SOP for inter-state migrant workers. The opinion of the Technical Analytical Committee was sought in this regard and the following guidelines are issued based on the opinion of TAC.

All migrant workers soon after their arrival shall stay separately in isolation. They shall be screened by a health team (Govt. or Private) for Covid 19 symptoms like fever, cold, cough, throat pain, loss of taste, loss of smell, body ache, diarrhoea, difficulty in breathing, etc.

1. Preliminary screening of migrant workers by health team on arrival from other states:

- 1.1. **All symptomatic (showing COVID-19 like symptoms)** shall undergo testing initially by Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). One nasopharyngeal swab for RAT & one nasopharyngeal + one throat swab for RT-PCR shall be collected. If negative by RAT, the other sample shall be tested by RT-PCR. If the RT-PCR results are negative, then the person can report for work. However, they shall self-report any COVID-19 symptoms during the next 14 days.

The persons testing positive shall undergo COVID-19 treatment as per existing protocol.

- 1.2. **All asymptomatic (no COVID-19 like symptoms)** shall undergo RAT (One nasopharyngeal swab) and only those testing negative can report to work. However, they shall self-report any COVID-19 symptoms during the next 14 days.

The persons testing positive shall undergo COVID-19 treatment as per existing protocol.

2. At work place:

- 2.1. There shall be daily thermal scanning and symptom screening of all workers at entry post compulsory wearing of face mask, physical distancing of 2 meters, provision and use of soap and sanitizers at different points.
- 2.2. Anyone showing Covid 19 like symptoms shall be isolated at work place and referred to the nearest fever clinic (Govt. or Private) for triage Covid testing.

All companies involved in infrastructure works needs to follow these guidelines.


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