

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR MOVEMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS/TOURISTS STRANDED IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES



- 1. Sh. Ravinath Raman, Commissioner, Garhwal & Sh. Sanjay Gunjyal, IG, SDRF have been designated as the State Nodal Officers for movement of Indian nationals stranded abroad.
  - 1.1. The ARC in Delhi and Sh. Yogendra Yadav, Additional Secretary, Planning, Government of Uttarakhand may be designated as the Additional Nodal Officers for coordination with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI in Delhi and various states/ UTs where people from Uttarakhand are being quarantined.
  - 1.2. The **District Magistrates** may be designated as the **District Nodal Officers** for effective coordination during inter-state and inter-district movements.
- 2. The Nodal Officer/ Additional Nodal Officers shall coordinate with the Nodal Officer designated by the Ministry of External Affairs for the state of Uttarakhand and prepare a list of stranded Indian Nationals/ tourists coming from various countries with date and time of arrival and destination address with contact numbers.
- **3.** The Additional Nodal Officer in Delhi shall ensure that a help desk is set up at the airport to facilitate residents of Uttarakhand travelling from various countries.
  - 3.1. The details of arrival of such people shall be communicated to the State Nodal Officers/ District Nodal Officers.
- 4. On arrival of passengers at the airport, the Additional Nodal Officer shall coordinate with the health officials present at the airport to ensure thermal screening of all passengers, as per health protocols (MHA Guidelines).
- 5. The Additional Nodal Officers shall ensure that passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately taken to the medical facility, as per health protocols (MHA Guidelines).
- **6.** Additional Nodal Officer shall ensure that all the asymptomatic persons are directly taken to the identified quarantine centres in Delhi/ *Gurugram*/ Chandigarh/ other states & UTs.
  - 6.1. These people shall undergo 7 days' mandatory institutional quarantine and 14 days' home quarantine. For this purpose, decent hotels/ facilities shall be identified by Additional Nodal Officer, well in advance, in coordination with the concerned states/ UTs (on payment basis, as per rate contracts fixed by the respective governments).
  - 6.2. The Additional Nodal Officer shall ensure that the entire staff deployed in the designated quarantine centres is well-trained regarding DOs and Don'ts for prevention of Covid-19 infection, with the help of local health authorities and administration.
  - 6.3. Only for exceptional and compelling reasons such as cases of pregnancy, death in family, serious illness, senior citizen above 65 years of age and

- parent (s) accompanied by children below 10 years, as assessed by the State Nodal Officers/ District Nodal Officers in coordination with Health Authorities, home quarantine may be permitted for 14 days to all such asymptomatic passengers, subject to compliance of all norms of social distancing and safety (as per MoHFW, MHA and state govt. guidelines). *Arogya Setu app* shall be mandatory in all such cases.
- 7. The Additional Nodal Officer in Delhi, in coordination with private taxi operators/ public transport buses, shall ensure identification of suitable/ convenient vehicles for travel back to the state (on payment basis). The rate contract shall be fixed, in advance, based on the distance to be travelled.
- 8. On discharge from the quarantine centres, the returnees shall submit their health certificate and other relevant documents to the Additional Nodal Officer. They shall be issued travel permits from Delhi/ *Gurugram* to various districts of Uttarakhand by Additional Nodal Officer.
  - 8.1. Those being discharged from quarantine centre in other states/ UTs shall submit their documents online and obtain permits and only then proceed to the destination state.
  - 8.2. Information of such permits issued shall be shared with the concerned District Nodal Officers, on a daily basis.
- 9. The District Nodal Officers shall ensure that such returnees are kept in home quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days, unless there are symptoms which require keeping them in institutional quarantine.
  - 9.1. Health conditions of such people in home quarantine shall be monitored on a daily basis through teams identified by District Magistrates and such information may be shared with the District Nodal Officers.
- 10. In cases where the returnees have completed a period of 14 days' institutional quarantine in *Delhi/ Gurugram/ Chandigarh* or any other state (as per MHA Guidelines), they shall be home quarantined for a further period of 7 days in the destination district, unless there are symptoms which require keeping them in institutional quarantine. However, health conditions of such people shall be monitored on a daily basis through teams identified by District Magistrates and such information shall be shared with the District Nodal Officers/ satellite control room.
- 11. People coming back to Uttarakhand but belonging to areas which have been identified as containment zones in the districts, shall ensure that they are staying at a place which is not in the containment zone provided they inform the District Nodal Officers about their place of residence) or they may be quarantined on payment basis at the identified quarantine centres, till such time as the restrictions in those containment zones apply.