

## PRESS NOTE

In wake of outbreak of COVID-19 throughout the world and to counter any emergency situation in the City, the Chandigarh Police is fully committed to extend full cooperation to migrants/laborers and remained on toe 24 X 7.

The large numbers of migrants have taken place in some parts of the country so as to reach their home towns. In this view Govt. of India has issued directions to take necessary steps to mitigate the economic hardship of the migrant workers so that the effective implementation of the lockdown measures can be followed.

The senior officers of Chandigarh Police are following guidelines with letter & spirit of GOI. MHA have passed orders to ensure adequate arrangements of temporary shelters, provision of food etc for the poor, migrant's laborers and needy people. The Chandigarh Police in pursuance of GOI orders has passed orders to be implemented.

- Wherever workers, including the migrants, are living in rented accommodation, the landlords of those properties shall not demand payment of rent for a period of 1 month. If any landlord is forcing laborer and students to vacate their premises, they will be liable for action under section 10(2) (I) of the disaster management act.
- The migrant people, who have moved out to reach their home states/home towns, must be kept in the Maloya center and quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days as per standard health protocol.
- All Police units to assist/facilitate District administration for implementation.
- Any person found homeless/migrant to be provided shelter and food in the area of Chandigarh only and he may be shifted to Maloya Center.
- SHOs/Beat staff to ensure patrolling in their respective areas and if they find any person who is in need for food and essentials to contact different nodal officers.
- Police officials deployed at border naka to ensure that no migrant from other state enters Chandigarh and no migrant is allowed to go from Chandigarh.

- Nodal officer to be intimated immediately SHOs/ beat staff to do patrolling in their respective areas and search for migrants. Moreover take feedback from public as well as NGOs in this regard.
- All SDPOs / SHO to conduct meeting with their counterparts of Panchkula and Mohali regarding enforcement of above mentioned guidelines and submit compliance report.
- Anyone found in violation of aforementioned directions/guidelines be proceeded against as per existing provisions of law.

In this regard, all senior officers personally rounded and visited barriers at late night hours and briefed the police officials to ensure the implementation of MHA advisory. All inbound and outbound vehicles were thoroughly checked at border nakas. Persons living in colony areas were consoled and advised to stay home. They were assured regarding providing of all essential services. With the efforts Chandigarh Police able to restore 72 migrants/laborer who were about to leave Chandigarh to their native places and further shifted them to their place of stay and shelter home at Maloya on 30.03.2020. Total 72 migrants (68M +2F+2kids) were found roaming, their counselling was done and they were assured that all essential services including shelter, food etc will be provided to them. 24 migrants were restored back to their places and 48 were sent to shelter home at Maloya.

- 22 laborers were restored by SHO/PS-03 who were living in Khuda Lahora/Khuda Jassu and found at Naka point at about 1:30 AM. SDM-Central also reached there and she also assured them to provide shelter and food. SHO PS-03 with the help of Village panchyat 2000 labourers at Kaimbwala have been provided food items and all essential needs.
- 17 labourers who were working as white wash & painter at Village Chakka, Village Dharam near Baddi HP were trying to get their native village at UP and passing near Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Sector 20, Chandigarh were restored and given shelter at Shelter Home, Maloya, Chandigarh on 30.03.2020.
- 4 persons were found at Badheri Barrier, Chandigarh who were coming from Punjab side and belonged to

UP were restored and given shelter at Shelter Home, Maloya.

- A case FIR No. 46 dated 30.03.2020 U/S 188, 269, 270 IPC has also been registered at PS-Manimajra against Mahesh Kumar R/o # 1215, Sector 25, Panchkula (HR) who forced his 08 laborers to leave who were working in his tavern situated at Shop No. 162, Old Ropar Road, MM, Chandigarh.

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