

## Request to provide safe passage to the migrant labourers stuck in Kerala

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To  
The Secretary (Home)  
Government of Kerala  
And  
Government of West Bengal

05.05.2020

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention towards the helpless conditions of the migrant labourers stuck in other cities away from their home during this worldwide crisis. Currently, Mr.Nijamuddin and 147 other labourers of Gobindapur, Swarupnagar of North 24 Parganas and other bordering districts of Murshidabad, West Bengal are all stuck in Chalad village, Post- Crimpara, Police station- Kothamangalam, District- Ernakulam, Kerala, Pin- 686681. The conditions they are living in is detrimental to the sole purpose of precautionary guidelines issued by the government and creates a high risk for their lives as well as others.

On 28.4.2020, Our Secretary, mr.Kirity Roy, had communicated with the Superintendent of Police, Basirhat regarding this situation which was accepted positively but no positive result has come out of it yet. Mr. Selim, IAS of The Disaster Management Department of West Bengal was also informed about these victims as well as many social workers, NGOs and Christian Organization had taken initiative to free these victims from this condition but it has not worked out yet. During the stay, Mr.Nijamuddin was threatened and harassed by a Police official of the local Police Station of Ernakulam district. Further his phone was also snatched away and was continuously harassed for consecutive two days. So, our Secretary, Mr.Kirity Roy had intervened and communicated with the CI of the respective Police Station to look into the matter and take action regarding the same but such was not followed. Finally, on 4.5.2020, his phone was given back to him. This action of the concerned Police official was not accounted for and no step was taken against him for this irrational despotic behavior towards the victim in a situation like these.

The Central Government and State Governments have been trying hard to collaboratively fight this pandemic from the past two months and have issued guidelines to take strict precautionary measure in order to completely eradicate Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, it is not unknown to us that the overnight implementation of lockdown as a precautionary measure has had extensive impact on people, mostly on the migrant labourers who all were working in cities and are stuck till date. Many such migrant labourers are still struggling for food and shelter and many have perished in search of that. No social welfare schemes were applied to those fateful migrant workers. They are struggling without food as the labour contractor fled away. This period of crisis will not be overturned without a collective assistance, hence this letter of plea is sent to you for immediate action to rescue them for this crisis.

Therefore, I seek your urgent intervention in the following matter:

1. It is of prime importance that the Central Government and the State government take appropriate action to help the victim to avail the first train that leaves on 6.04.2020 and return back home safely.
2. According to the Government regulation, suitable distance should be maintained within the train while travelling.
3. The victim must also be tested at the starting point and at the receiving end of the journey.
4. It must be looked after that after safe arrival the victims are kept in quarantine for two weeks straight.

5. As the families are solely dependent on the victim, therefore the liability lies on the government to provide economic aid to the family during this period.
6. The travel expenses incurred by the victim to reach his home from the receiving end of the journey to his hometown must be borne by the Government completely.
7. Lastly, the condemnable action by the Police and other authorities in concern must be booked and accounted for, especially in times of such crisis.

Thanking You,  
Yours Faithfully,

Dipyaman Adhikary,  
Assistant Secretary, MASUM.

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To  
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Government of Karnataka  
And  
Government of West Bengal

05.05.2020

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention towards the helpless conditions of the migrant laborers stuck in the midst of this pandemic in cities other than their home. Mr. Kalidas Barman and 148 others of Sangarbari Village, Post Office- Mahishmuri,

Police station- Sitalkuchi, District- Cooch Behar, West Bengal are sole bread winners of their family and employees of Mfar Construction Private limited. They are currently stuck in Ferry Road, Bolar, Labour Colony, Mangalore, Dakshin Kannada, Karnataka, Pin- 575001. Currently, the conditions they are living in is detrimental to the precautionary guidelines to be maintained in fighting Covid-19 which calls for immediate steps to free these people from such a condition.

Our Secretary, Mr. Kirity Roy had communicated via text message with the District Magistrate of Cooch Behar regarding their urgent retrieval on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. A positive affirmation was received but no evident steps were taken to help the situation. **Mr. Salim, IAS** of The Disaster Management Department of West Bengal was also informed about these victims as well as many social workers, NGOs and Christian Organization had taken initiative to free these victims from this condition but it has not worked out yet.

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On this note, I would request your urgent intervention in the following matter:

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Attached Documents

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Picture of Migrant labourers