GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract
Disaster Management Department - Covid-19 - Guidelines for the payment of expenditure of Institutional quarantines and relief expenditure of migrant labourers - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT
G.O.(Ms)No.21/2020/DMD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25/06/2020

Read 1 Letter No. DM/233/2020/SDMA dated 12.06.2020 of the Member Secretary, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority.
2 Letter No. 33-04/2020-NDM-1 dated 28-03-2020

ORDER
The Member Secretary, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority(KSDMA) as per letter read as 1st paper has reported that Government of India have extended the norms of assistance of relief to homeless people including migrant laborers stranded due to the lock down measures and sheltered in the relief camps and other places for providing them food etc. as a measure for containment of spread of Covid-19 virus in the country. As per the guidelines issued in respect of disbursement and utilization of PM Cares fund, it has been specified that the fund shall be utilized for the accommodation facilities, food arrangements, medical treatment and transportation arrangement and the assistance is exclusively for the welfare of migrant labourers. The State Government has entrusted Labour Commissioner to oversee the welfare activities of Migrant Labourers in the State.

2) The State is implementing Covid-19 containment measures effectively for which the District Administrations and Local Self Governments have taken over several institutions, including private hotels and lodges, and is facilitating boarding and lodging to the needy. KSDMA has reported that in some districts, Local Self Governments are incurring expenditure beyond their means for running Institutional Quarantines. As per Section 66 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, in case of requisition of any premises for disaster management purposes, the requisitioning authority (State or District Disaster Management Authority) is to pay the compensation. The rate of compensation
is to be fixed as contemplated in Section 66 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, by the concerned authority.

3) In light of the above, draft guidelines have been forwarded to Government by KSDMA under Section 18 (2) (d) for payment of expenditure of institutional quarantines and relief expenditure of migrant labourers from State Disaster Response Fund and requested to provide necessary funds to District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) for the purpose.

4) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue the following guidelines under Section 18 (2) (d) of the Disaster Management Act for the payment of expenditure of institutional quarantines and relief expenditure of migrant labourers from State Disaster Response Fund and PM CARES Fund.

I. Migrant Labour Relief Expenditure incurred by Local Self Governments

1. The expenditure incurred for the Migrant Labour Relief (food, water, provisions, health care) is to be certified by the Assistant Labour Officer and the Secretary of the Local Self Government concerned.

2. In case of expenditure for Migrant Labour Welfare (such as food, accommodation, medical care, water and sanitation) incurred by Local Self Governments, the expenditure should be compiled by the Deputy Director, Panchayat/Urban (as the case may be) of the concerned district, certified as 'passed for payment' and submit the compiled list to the Deputy Collector, Disaster Management.

3. Such expenditure statements shall be submitted once in 15 days to the DDMAs and the DDMAs shall examine, and release the amount to the Deputy Director, Panchayat/Urban (as the case may be) for onward devolution to the concerned Local Self Governments.

4. The expenditure statement should also include daily list of beneficiaries who received the assistance.

5. The expenditure incurred for Migrant Labour Relief measures from 17-03-2020 to 18-06-2020 shall be met in this manner from SDRF.

6. Any expenditure for Migrant Labour Relief from 19-06-2020 shall be met from the PM Cares account as per GO read as 3rd paper above.
7. The reimbursement of expenditure per Migrant Labourer Beneficiary per day may be limited to an amount deemed appropriate by DDMA in consultation with Labour, Civil Supplies Department and Local Self Government Department, based on local conditions. Any expense above this limit may be met from other sources by the Local Self Governments.

II. Expenditure incurred by Local Self Governments for Institutional Quarantine Centres

1. The Deputy Director, Panchayat/Urban (as the case may be) of the concerned district should compile the expenditure incurred by Local Self Governments for running quarantine centres and certify as 'passed for payment' and submit the compiled list to the Chief Executive Officer of DDMA (Deputy Collector, Disaster Management/ADM as the case may be).

2. Such expenditure statements shall be submitted once in 15 days to the DDMAs and the DDMAs shall examine, and release the amount to the Deputy Director, Panchayat/Urban (as the case may be) for onward devolution to the concerned Local Self Governments.

3. The expenditure statement should also include the daily list of individuals who lived in the Institutional Quarantine Centres.

4. The expenditure incurred for Institutional Quarantines from 17-03-2020 shall be met in this manner from SDRF.

5. If Local Self Governments have incurred >Rs. 50 lakhs on Institutional Quarantines from 17-03-2020 till the date of this order, such LSGs shall be reimbursed with 50% of the expenditure upfront. Before releasing the remaining amount, the LSG concerned should provide authenticated bills and utilization certificates to DDMA as laid in II (1 to 2) above.

6. The reimbursement of expenditure per Institutional Quarantine per day shall be limited to an amount deemed appropriate by DDMA, based on local conditions.

7. An institutional quarantine in which Government or Local Self Governments are to incur any expenditure should have a minimum capacity to accommodate 10 individuals medically recommended to be in Institutional Quarantine. In case an Institutional Quarantine facility to house a minimum of 10 individuals are not available in a given Local Self Government area, the Deputy Director, Panchayat/Urban, as the case may be, identify suitable facility in any other LSG area and use that facility to
house those in Institutional Quarantine. This condition will be applicable from the date of issuance of this Guidelines.

8. The Institutional Quarantines referred above does not include Institutional Quarantines in dwelling units/residential units of individuals identified as per GO (Ms) No. 15/2020/DMD dated 02-06-2020

III. Requisitioning of Premises and Resources

1. If the District Disaster Management Authority has requisitioned any premises (hotels, lodges, resorts, auditoriums etc) and availed the resources thereof under Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Authority has to provide compensation under Section 66 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

2. The DDMA has to consider the factors laid under Section 66 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and fix the compensation amount and do the needful to ensure adequate payment of compensation.

3. For tourism sector assets, the DDMA may be assisted by the Tourism Department to fix the compensation.

4. For assets such as auditoriums and private hostels, the compensation may be fixed by DDMA in consultation with the Public Works Department and the Local Self Government Department.

5. Compensation for premises requisitioned for establishing Institutional Quarantine Centres from 17-03-2020 shall be met in this manner from SDRF.

6. Compensation for premises requisitioned for establishing Relief Centres for Migrant Labourers from 17-03-2020 to 18-06-2020 shall be met in this manner from SDRF.

7. Compensation for premises requisitioned for establishing Relief Centres for Migrant Labourers from 19-06-2020 shall be met from the PM Cares account as per G O read as 3rd paper above.

(By order of the Governor)
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