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HOME DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 25th July, 2017

Guidelines for addressing immigration issues for citizens of the State of Odisha and its redressal thereof.

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OBJECTIVE:

For providing immediate relief and succor to large number of skilled, semi-skilled and un-skilled workers of Odisha who are going abroad for employment particularly in the Middle East and South East Asian Countries and facing difficult situation including exploitation by employers, economic hardship and injury/death due to accident and need rescue, and face repatriation and post-repatriation issues relating to their wages/salaries/ insurance money/ compensation etc., following decisions were taken in the meeting held on 1st June, 2017 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home Department. These decisions have been approved by the Government.

PLAN OF ACTION:

1. Labour & ESI Department will create database of recruiting agencies operating in the District(s)/ State(s) engaged in sponsoring persons for jobs in and outside the country. The Department may form a Committee headed by the Collector for regular monitoring of the activities of the licensed agencies as well as keep a tab on unlicensed agencies, if any, in the District.

2. The Labour & ESI Department to engage with MEA to obtain data on licensed recruitment agencies for overseas employment and inform all concerned so that their activities can be monitored. Close liaison may be made with Ministry for External Affairs, Government of India to obtain the information in this regard.

3. The District Labour Officer/ ALC/DLC shall proactively engage themselves and acquire knowledge about possible violation of the Immigration Act, agreement made between the agency and the recruits so that criminal action can be launched if needed.

4. The Special DG, Crime to issue a comprehensive circular to all SPs and DCPs with copies to Labour & ESI Department about the legal regime obtaining to regulate the Contracts under the Immigration Act as well as other laws whenever violations of the licensing conditions or fraud or cheating by unlicensed agencies operating in the State.

5. In the event of information received regarding arrest/detention or medical emergencies affecting the immigrants of the State both inside and outside the country the Labour & ESI Department will closely coordinate with Health & F.W and Home Department , CRC Office, New Delhi for inter-Departmental response to address the sensitive cases requiring State Government's intervention.

6. The Labour & ESI Department will place an officer with CRC's Office to co-ordinate about immigrants' distress inside and outside the country.

All the Departments are requested to adhere to the above decisions in letter and spirit while dealing with issues relating to the safety and security of the immigrants inside and outside of the country.

By Order of the Governor

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