Instructions from Odisha Government Dated 08th April 2021

Subject: Coaching Train operations in Odisha in view of the rising COVID-19 situation

In view of the fresh surge in COVID-19 cases in various states, following restriction is imposed for inbound people entering into Odisha state by train to prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases.

All passengers travelling to Odisha, from anywhere by train, must have an RT-PCR negative test report of maximum 72 hours before the start of journey or a 2nd dose vaccination certificate.

This restriction shall come into force from boarding date of 10th April 2021.
ORDER

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 20.05.2020 has deleted ‘domestic air travel’ from the list of prohibited activities during the lockdown;

And Whereas, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, in pursuance to the above MHA Order, vide Order No. AV.29017/5/2020-DT has laid down guidelines and SOPs for safety of the passengers during COVID-19 pandemic and further Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) vide Circular No. 4/1/2020-IR dated 22.05.2020 has decided to recommence scheduled domestic flights w.e.f. 25.05.2020;

And Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 11.05.2020 has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for movement of persons by train and further normal train operations are being partially restored w.e.f. 01.06.2020;

Now, therefore –

A) Order No. 2800/R&DM(DM) dated 18.05.2020 issued by this Department, extending the lockdown in the entire State of Odisha till midnight of 31.05.2020, is hereby **partially amended** as below:

1. In Clause No. 2, sub-clause (i) is hereby deleted

2. Clause No. 3 will be read as:

   “3. The following activities shall be permitted with restrictions, except in the Containment Zones:
i. Inter-State movement of passenger vehicles and buses, with mutual consent of the State(s)/ UT(s) involved.

ii. Intra-State movement of two wheelers, private vehicles, official vehicles, taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber etc.). Four wheelers and Auto Rickshaws are allowed with up to 2 passengers apart from the driver.

iii. Intra-State Buses, Other Passenger vehicles and City Buses are allowed to operate up to sitting capacity of the vehicle.

iv. Intra-State trains are allowed to operate following the SOP of MHA and Indian Railways.

v. Movement of Public Transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber, etc.) to and from airports, railway station and bus terminals/ stands/ stops are allowed round the clock, for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road.

vi. All passengers travelling across the State by any mode of transport shall compulsorily wear face masks and persons with visible symptoms will not be permitted board.”

B) Based on the Letter No. HFW-SCH-I-EMER-0001-2020-11839/H dated 23.05.2020 of H&FW Dept., Govt. of Odisha, the orders No. 2232/R&DM(DM) dated 19.04.2020 and No. 2582/R&DM(DM) dated 08.05.2020 relating to rural areas are partially modified as under:

1. The quarantine period for returnee(s) to the State will be limited to 14 days. This shall be implemented by local authorities i.e., District Collectors.

2. Returnee(s) in rural areas will undergo 7 days of mandatory institutional quarantine, post which asymptomatic returnee(s) shall be discharged to undergo home quarantine for a further period of 7 days. If the local authorities find it necessary for reasons related to containment of COVID-19 and to prevent spread of infection, they may extend the period of institutional quarantine of the returnee(s).

3. In case the quarantinee develops symptoms requiring medical attention, he/ she may be shifted to COVID Care Centre/ COVID Hospital.

C) Order No. 2235/R&DM(DM) dated 19.05.2020, relating to urban areas, is partially modified as under:
3. Every person on return from outside Odisha shall have to compulsorily stay in home quarantine for a period of 14 days, observing guidelines issued by H&FW Dept., Govt. of Odisha. If the returnee does not have proper quarantine facility at home, he/she shall undergo institutional/paid quarantine for a duration as directed by the local authorities.

D) The following categories of travellers shall be exempt from mandatory quarantine (as specified in B and C above) in the State, upon arrival in Odisha:

a. Govt. officials, professionals, businessmen or any other person travelling to Odisha on work and intending to exit within 72 hrs.

b. Govt. officials, professionals, businessmen or any other person who have travelled from Odisha on work and are returning to the State within 72 hrs. of departure from Odisha

c. Any returnee who has already undergone prescribed quarantine

By orders of the Governor

Chief Secretary, Odisha

Memo No. 2903/R&DM(DM) Date: 24-05-2020
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Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)
ORDER

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide its Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 11.05.2022, has laid down Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) in order to facilitate movement of persons by trains. Accordingly, Ministry of Railways, Government of India has decided to run “Special Trains” across the country with effect from 12th May, 2020.

Government of Odisha do hereby lay down the following SOP to facilitate movement of these passengers to and from railway stations from and to their respective destinations.

**Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for passengers travelling by Special Trains**

**Incoming Passengers:**

1. Indian Railways shall provide the passenger details with mobile phone number to the State Nodal Officer (Shri Manoj Mishra, Commissioner Rail Co-ordination & Special Secretary, Commerce & Transport Dept.) of Govt. of Odisha.

2. E&IT Department shall utilise the existing Outbound Call Centre to facilitate collection of relevant passenger information as per the list obtained from Indian Railways, segregate it District/ Municipal Corporation wise and send it to the concerned Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners.

3. The Collector/ Municipal Commissioner will accordingly make necessary arrangement to communicate relevant information to the concerned Gram Panchayat Nodal Officer (GPNO)/ Ward Nodal Officer (WNO) for ensuring compliance of home/ paid quarantine protocols.

4. District Collector/ Commissioner of Municipal Corporation of destination stations, in coordination with the Indian Railways/ Odisha Police shall set up required number of facilitation counters (preferably 1 for every 3 coaches) at the concerned Railway Stations.

5. The counters shall facilitate screening, stamping and validation of registration. The District/ Municipal Administration will deploy adequate number of health and other personnel in facilitation counters. E&IT Dept. to provide log in facilities to BMC and Balasore Collector for registration purposes.
6. Passengers shall be de-boarded in a regulated manner and directed to the facilitation counters. All passengers shall be stamped in indelible ink on their right inner forearm and thermally screened.

7. GRP/ RPF/ Odisha Police will make elaborate arrangement to maintain discipline and social distancing among passengers at the platform/ facilitation counters and will ensure that no passenger leaves without screening and stamping.

8. The symptomatic passengers will be shifted to institutional facility for quarantine and testing by District/ Municipal authorities.

9. Remaining passengers will be allowed to proceed to their homes/ paid quarantine facility on their own travel arrangement.

10. No porter service will be available in the station.

11. Movement of passengers and drivers of the vehicles from and to designated Railway Stations shall be allowed on the basis of confirmed e-ticket. Operation of cab aggregators like Ola and Uber will be allowed for the purpose. CRUT may operate limited services to and fro railway station for convenience of passengers, with valid e-ticket.

12. The GPN0/ WNO will regularly check/ monitor such returnees and ensure that such persons abide by quarantine protocols for a period of 28 days from the date of arrival in Odisha.

13. GPN0/ WNO shall affix Home Quarantine sticker on the houses of such returnees and obtain undertaking from them. If the house is found to be unsuitable for home quarantine, GPN0/ WNO may order for institutional quarantine.

14. Outbound Call Centre shall monitor the passengers in paid quarantine through phone calls to ensure that such persons abide by quarantine protocols for a period of 28 days from the date of arrival in Odisha.

15. In case, the person manifests any symptom during home quarantine, he/ she shall inform 104 Helpline and thereafter, if necessary, he/ she will be transferred to the Covid Care Centre/ Covid-19 Hospital and further steps shall be taken as per protocols prescribed by H&FW Department.

16. In case of violation of the home quarantine guidelines and norms of social distancing, the GPN0/ WNO shall report the matter to the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner for initiating necessary legal action against the person concerned.

**Outgoing Passengers:**

1. The movement of passengers as well as driver of the vehicle transporting the passengers to and fro the railway station shall be allowed on the basis of the confirmed e-ticket.

2. Indian Railways/ GRP/ RPF shall make necessary arrangements to ensure that only passengers with confirmed e-tickets shall be allowed to enter railway stations.

3. Indian Railways shall ensure that:
   a. All passengers shall be compulsorily screened and only asymptomatic passengers are allowed to enter/ board the train.
b. The symptomatic passengers will be shifted to institutional facility for testing and quarantine.

c. All passengers shall be provided with hand sanitizer at entry points in the station and in coaches.

d. All passengers shall wear face covers/ masks at entry and during travel.

4. Indian Railways/ GRP/ RPF/ Odisha Police shall ensure that all passengers observe social distancing during boarding and travel.

General:

1. GRP/ RPF/ Odisha Police shall ensure adequate deployment at intermittent stations to avoid de-boarding of passengers travelling by the special trains

2. Entry to Railway Stations shall be restricted only to passengers with valid e-ticket, authorised personnel of Indian Railways, District/ Municipal Administration, GRP/ RPF/ Odisha Police on duty.

3. Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and District Collector, Balasore will nominate one nodal officer each for Bhubaneswar and Balasore station respectively, for liaising with Railway and other officials

By order of the Governor

Chief Secretary, Odisha

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