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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha in light of prevention of COVID-19.

- Government of India has given direction to all State Government to provide basic requirements for people stranded in different states during lock down period.
- Government of Odisha has taken steps to provide all out assistance to Odia persons stranded at different places in different States. Senior Administrators have been entrusted with the responsibility to work as Nodal Officers. The telephone nos and email IDs of these Nodal Officers have been given. Besides, communication can be made on Control Room No. 0674-2392115. These Nodal Officers are in regular contacts with authorities of different States. State Government is making all effort to provide assistance to all stranded Odia people at their place itself.
- State Government has ordered to provide assistance to the workers of other States stranded at different places of the State and treat them as our guests. Camps along with food have been started for such people. Till now, about 18,000 labourers have been sheltered in 252 nos of temporary camps. A 24 hour helpline no-18003456703 is functioning to facilitate these people.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, destitute and helpless people are being provided cooked food in Gram Panchayats and urban areas. They can take it to their home. 1,25,237 persons in 2261 Gram Panchyats and 19,886 persons in 80 ULBs of the State have been provided cooked food.
- Temporary health camps have been opened for the persons who have returned to the State earlier where they can stay in quarantine.
- Advance pension for 4 months to the beneficiaries under Social Security Scheme is being given. Till now 60% of beneficiaries have already received their pension while rest is in progress.

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- There is enough stock of milk, vegetables and other essential commodities. Hence, people are advised to fetch these commodities once in a week without panic, so that social distancing can be maintained.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has approved Rs. 54 lakh from CMRF for feeding of stray animals in 5 Municipal Corporations and 48 Municipalities during the lock down period.
- 224 no. of cases have been registered in the state for different violations of regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 during last 24 hours. Out of these 3 cases are related to violation of 'Home Quarantine'.

### **Health Update**

- Up to 12 noon today, 370 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases is still 3.
- 55 contacts of first two cases are being tracked. 112 contacts of third case have been identified and are in communication.
- 76 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.
- 10217 persons have registered themselves through online and 104 Health Helpline. Out of these 4291 persons are from abroad and 5926 persons are from other states.

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