Migrant workers numbering 1196 from Madhya Pradesh who were stranded in Goa due to the ongoing nationwide lockdown were sent back to their native villages by a special train Shramik Express of Konkan Railway, which left Goa from Thivim Railway station today.

Prior to the transportation the migrant workers were brought from Peddem Sport Complex where they were housed yesterday, to Thivim Railway Station by KTC buses. They were screened for COVID-19 symptoms by the medical staff. While examining migrant workers for medical screening for symptoms of corona virus the doctors found 7 among them with high body temperature who were not allowed to go to Madhya Pradesh.


The Nodal Officer for Interstate Movement Cell Shri Kunal IAS after the departure of the train while briefing the media personsaid that the passengers who left MP are the first phase. The process of which was started yesterday. He appreciated the endeavour of the staff of Konkan Railway for making proper arrangements. The migrants workers who left for Madhya Pradesh are from eight different districts. The Nodal Officer of Madhya Pradesh will receive these migrant workers upon their arrival and will sent to their respective places by
proper transport arrangements. During medical screening at final boarding point, eight passengers who were taken out will be taken for further checking.

Shri Kunal further said this operation was somewhat like a challenge and done successfully for the first time. The challenge of collection of data but the team had succeeded in doing so. The process of sending of stranded migrants to their native states have already started positively. Such operations will be undertaken hereafter he added.

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