

HEATWAVE PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION MEASURES

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Office of the Commissioner, Labour & Employment has directed to take up the heatwave preparedness and mitigation measures by the Department.

It is stated that in respect of Goa Heat Wave Action Plan 2024, it has to be ensured by all Departments, Industries, Establishments that preventive measures are taken up to ensure that workers are not affected specially those who work outdoors and for that it is necessary that timing of work may be tweaked to avoid peak heat wave hours specially from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m and for this purpose the working hours could be re-scheduled.

Further, arrangements of drinking water facilities in working premises both indoors as well as outdoors should be made available.

In the event any of the worker/ labourer are affected by heat then Supervisory Officials who shifts such workers for medical care should ensure that on arrival at the medical facility/ hospital, the Doctors are informed about case history of such labourers possibly affected by heat so that appropriate treatment is given.

It is also directed that Labour Officers are required to further conduct Health Camps specially in informal sector and settlements and hold interactive sessions with construction sites, Industry and Commercial entities besides at outdoor construction sites of Public Works Department (P.W.D), Water Resources Department (W.R.D), Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (G.S.I.D.C) and other private construction sites.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner of the respective Jurisdiction to supervise this work and submit reports alongwith photograph to the respective Deputy Labour Commissioners who in turn will consolidate such reports and put it for submission through Deputy Director Administration (DDA) to District Disaster Management Authority.

The Chief Engineer of Public Works Department, Chief Electrical Engineer of Electricity Department, Managing Director of GSIDC, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Directorate of Panchayat are requested to Sensitize their respective Engineers and Contractors in respect of precautions to be taken concerning heat wave.

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