

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE

WP No. 6435 of 2020 & connected matters

BETWEEN

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..PETITIONER

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Union of India & Ors

..RESPONDENTS

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FILED BY STATE OF KARNATAKA
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Transportation of Migrant Workers.

1. As stated in the Written Submissions dated 02.07.2020, till the evening of 24.06.2020, that is, by the expiration of the 15-day period directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, 4,10,689 migrant workers were transported from the State of Karnataka on 287 Shramik Special trains.
2. It is submitted that between 25.06.2020 and 07.07.2020, the State has arranged for 10 more Shramik Special trains in order to ensure that those persons who continued to report at mustering centres, despite the lapsing of the State's policy, could travel to their home States. A breakup of the trains that have departed after 24.06.2020 is as follows:

Date of Train and Destination State	Number of Passengers
25.06.2020 – Manipur	1,850
27.06.2020 – Assam	1,685
29.06.2020 – U.P.	1,800
29.06.2020 – Assam	890
01.07.2020 - Bihar	1,165
02.07.2020 - Assam	1,800
05.07.2020 – U.P.	1,600
05.07.2020 - Bihar	950
06.07.2020 - Nagaland	1,600
07.07.2020 - Assam	1,680
Total – 10 trains	13,400

3. Therefore, the total number of persons who have travelled on Shramik Special trains from the State of Karnataka is 4,24,089 on 297 trains. It is further submitted that, since there is minimal demand for trains to any particular State, the abovementioned trains have been routed in such a manner that persons from different States could be accommodated in the same train. For instance, the train that departed for Guwahati, Assam, on 07.07.2020, was routed through Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal. Therefore, the State has been improvising and taking all possible measures to provide every opportunity to any migrant worker who wishes to return to her home State.
4. It is further submitted that, since the State has been operating Shramik Special trains for over 2 months now and sufficient

number of opportunities have been provided to all migrant workers to return to their home States, the State has taken a policy decision to stop requesting for Shramik Special trains and have, accordingly, closed down all the mustering centres in the State. A copy of the policy decision taken by the State in this regard is filed herewith and marked as **Annexure R-137**.

5. Copies of the action taken reports received from the districts are filed herewith and marked as **Annexure R-138**.

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