Non Resident Tamils' Welfare Department Press Release

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Mr. M.K.Stalin has ordered the establishment of Pre - Departure Orientation Training centers in Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, Kanyakumari, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Sivagangai and Villupuram districts for Tamils going abroad for education and employment.

Tamils have migrated abroad for many reasons such as trade, commerce, education etc. With the advent of time, due to economic reasons a large number of Tamils have to go to other countries for job opportunities. Such Tamils who had gone abroad for job opportunities. sometimes face hardships due to various circumstances.

Commissionerate of Non Resident Tamils Welfare Department has been receiving complaints relating to non-compliance of promised work, working hours, wages, food, accommodation etc. In this way, requests from Diaspora Tamils are continuously received by the Non Resident Tamils Welfare Department and are being resolved with the help of Indian embassies, NGOs and Tamil associations in their respective countries.

To overcome such hardships, "Pre Departure Orientation Training" is already being provided in Chennai so that when Tamils migrate for abroad, they go with minimum preparation related to the laws, culture, language and work of the destination country.

Such youngsters from Tamil Nadu go abroad for job opportunities without sufficient prior experience or adequate information about it. Apart from that, they have to travel a long distance and spend more money to get the Pre-Departure Orientation Training at Chennai.

It is the intention of the Government of Tamil Nadu that all the welfare schemes of the Government reach the beneficiary directly, in their area of residence. On this basis, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced that Pre Departure Orientation Training enter will be set up not only in Chennai, but also in the seven districts of Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai, Kanyakumari, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Sivagangai and Villupuram wherein large number of Tamils migrate to foreign countries.

In order to implement the announcement, the Government of Tamil Nadu has issued an order to set up Pre Departure Orientation Training centers at a cost of Rs.54,75,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand only).

The following three trainings will be offered at this Pre- Departure Orientation Training centers.

I. Pre - Departure Orientation Training for all expatriates

II. Information regarding the basic educational qualifications and documents required for the jobs like construction workers, drivers, electricians and domestic workers

III.Basic training in English and Arabic languages.

Along with the above, skill development training like handling household electrical appliances will also be provided as required.

Candidates who have been selected for foreign employment and have been issued employment visas through overseas manpower agencies registered with the Union Government can participate in this training. They register themselves on the website created for this training.

Those who attend the training will be provided with manuals and a certificate upon completion of the training.

Awareness about foreign employment will be created among the public through awareness videos at international airports and railway stations in Tamil Nadu, and in Gram Sabha meetings through pamphlets to ensure the safe migration of Tamils.

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