

STATES MUST SEEK U.P. NOD TO HIRE ITS WORKERS: ADITYANATH

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Yogi Adityanath

If any State wants migrant workers from Uttar Pradesh, it would have to first seek the permission of the U.P. government, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced on Sunday.

Mr. Adityanath said that the migrant workers from the State had not been taken care of in some States.

“Because of the kind of behaviour and misery [migrant workers had to face] in some States, we are going to take their social security guarantee in our own hands,” Mr. Adityanath said in a web interaction with presspersons.

While admitting that the return of migrant workers had led to a surge in COVID-19 cases in U.P., Mr. Adityanath said that since they [labourers] “have more strength to fight COVID-19 and also recover quickly”.

He went on to claim that while an ordinary person took 14 to 20 days to recover from the virus, migrant labourers were turning “corona negative” on the sixth or seventh day.

A “Migration Commission” would be constituted in Uttar Pradesh to link migrant workers with the State’s economy and provide them employment within the State, the government said.

So far, around 23 lakh migrant workers have returned to U.P., said Awanish Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

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