

**Narendra Singh Tomar,  
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Dear Narendra Singh Tomar,

I am writing on behalf of the Organization for World Peace to draw your attention to the condition of migrant workers in India. Approximately 25 million migrant workers, from a range of Indian states, facing layoffs after the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns in India, are returning home. They have faced arduous homeward journeys and uncertain economic conditions.

Reports of incidents such as a truck full of migrant workers crashing or workers who falling asleep on the train tracks being killed by a train, highlight the hardships that workers have faced in returning home. In addition to the threat posed by the pandemic, workers have travelled across the country at great risk by foot, and by riding on trucks, buses, and trains, in high temperatures and without adequate resources.

India's Supreme Court has recently ordered internal migrant laborers without work and away from their homes to be transported back to their home states within 15 days, as well as requiring additional trains to states within 24 hours of being demanded.

The recent launch of a government program, Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan, that targets the six states: Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, and Odisha, that have received the highest number of returning migrant workers, is a welcome opportunity to improve livelihoods via jobs and infrastructure projects. Continued and expanded support for India's internal migrant worker population, including transportation to their home states and employment opportunities, is essential to minimize the impact that the pandemic has had on these workers and their families.

Considering the difficulties faced by migrant workers, as well as renewed commitments by the Indian government to intervene, we are confident that this issue will be further examined and that support and employment opportunities will be provided to workers.

Yours Sincerely,

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