

CORONAVIRUS SCARE

Cargo ship from Singapore docks at port, Sindhudurg authorities distribute 200 masks to villagers

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AT REDI village on the Sindhudurg coast, where the livelihood of a majority of its population of 5,500 is dependent on the Redi port, the arrival of a Singapore flag bulk carrier led district authorities on Friday distribute over 200 N95 masks to local residents amid the coronavirus scare.

The cargo ship, Nathan Brandon, arrived at the port on February 5. While it had travelled to Singapore, Indonesia, South Africa and UAE since last August, sources said that rumours about Chinese crew members being on board led the local residents, many of whom work as loaders and crane operators at the port, refuse to take part in the ship's iron ore loading operations.

The ship is anchored over an hour away from the port, said Customs Superintendent Abhijit Bhishe. None of the crew members, whose nationality is unclear, have been allowed to come ashore. While civil surgeon D Chakurkar and Dr Pradeep Awate, a Pune-based epidemiologist who is monitoring coronavirus in the state, said there were no Chinese crew members in the ship, Bhishe claimed all 22 crew members were Chinese.

Bhishe added that the ship was to leave for China after the loading was completed. "We are waiting for a final clearance from the authorities tomorrow. Then the ship will be permitted to start loading," he said.

"Since most of those working at the port are residents of neighbouring villages, information spread that the crew members were Chinese. The vessel had got a medical clearance for all its crew members when they left from the Mumbai port two days ago," he added.

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Maharashtra Maritime Board also stepped in at the insistence of the local residents. While usually doctors of the shipping agents, who manage the crew, check the members at the time of leaving the port, the authorities this time informed the district collectorate.

The port officials also deployed a private doctor to screen the crew. Dr Mohan Jagtap from Redkar Hospital and Research Centre visited the cargo ship on Friday to screen crew members for cough, cold or respiratory illness — the classic symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus. He reported no suspected cases.

Sindhudurg district health officer Dr Mahesh Khalipe said the crew members neither have any symptom to suggest they suffer from coronavirus, nor did they report history of contact with any infected person. "None of them require isolation," Khalipe added.

Later, the civil surgeon and collector held a meeting and decided to send government doctors from the rural hospital again to check the crew members. "The situation is under control. We have sent a medical team to create awareness about the virus," said Collector K Manjulaxmi.

All major ports are conducting thermal screening to detect suspected coronavirus cases. As per the latest directions by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, no ship is allowed to dock at a minor port without undergoing screening at a major port. Minor ports are yet to start thermal screening.

Redi, which is a minor port, does not have an attached health facility. During previous viral outbreaks, private doctors would conduct medical examination for crew members of ships to assist the port authority. Redi village sarpanch Ramsing Rane told The Indian Express: "We did not want to take any risks. Health is of utmost importance. So, we wanted to be doubly sure about the crew. We want this kind of scrutiny for all ships."

Dr Archana Patil from the Directorate of Health Services said the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust at Navi Mumbai is screening passengers and crew from China, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.

"Our health officials in Redi are trying to provide scientific information to villagers. If they understand how the disease is transmitted, they will not feel scared. Also, this is a cargo ship, so the risk is low."

Govt urges public not to discriminate against Chinese

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STATE HEALTH minister Rajesh Tope Friday issued a statement urging people not to discriminate against foreign nationals from countries affected by the novel strain of coronavirus. His remarks come days after several Chinese nationals residing in the city claimed that they have been facing discrimination due to a panic caused by the infection that has claimed 636 lives across the world until Friday.

"In some companies, these employees (Chinese nationals) have been asked for medical fitness certificates or laboratory test reports as a precondition of resuming their job," the statement issued by the health ministry said.

The health ministry also clarified that each passenger flying to India from China is monitored for two weeks. "Whoever is joining work after 14 days home isolation needs no medical certificate or laboratory evidence," it said.

On February 6, The Indian Express had reported instances of discrimination faced by Chinese nationals in the city. In one of the cases, a 30-year-old woman had alleged she was asked by a housing society member to show her travel history before being allowed to enter her friend's flat in Khar, Mumbai's western suburbs.

In another case, a 27-year-old man had to cancel his return ticket from China to Mumbai after his landlord told him that entry to Santacruz West residential society, where he lives as a tenant, will be prohibited if he did not come with a health certificate.

The ministry also urged people to not believe in rumours that have indicated non-vegetarian food as a cause of the infection. Meanwhile, five new patients, including a Chinese national, have been put under quarantine on suspicion of coronavirus infection in the state.

APPOINTING STATE FIRE SERVICES DIRECTOR

Relax condition that candidate should know Marathi: HC to govt

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EXPRESSING CONCERNS over fire safety in Maharashtra, the Bombay High Court on Friday asked the state government to relax the mandatory qualification of proficiency in Marathi while appointing a full-time director of the Maharashtra Fire Services, a post that has remained vacant for nearly six years.

A Division Bench of Justice S C Dharmadhikari and Justice R I Chagla was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by activist Sharmila Ghuge on the issue of fire safety rules.

Advocate General (AG) Ashutosh Kumbhakoni, while informing the court that the state government would discuss the issue of filling the post with the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC), said that as per requirements, to hold the director's post, the candidate should have "adequate knowledge" of Marathi.

At this, Justice Dharmadhikari noted that the government could relax the condition and need not make proficiency in Marathi a mandatory qualification "at the threshold". "The state government would be advised to relax this condition that the candidate should know Marathi. At the threshold, mak-

ing it mandatory is not required. The candidate can learn the language later," Justice Dharmadhikari told Kumbhakoni.

While observing that the chief fire officer of Mumbai has been given the additional charge of the director of the state fire services since December 2014, the court said that he could not be given multiple duties while he has the huge responsibility of the mega city of Mumbai.

Referring to a major fire that broke out on the fifth floor of a 10-storeyed residential building in Malabar Hill on Wednesday evening, the court said that it would not be right to burden the city chief fire officer. It suggested

that the state may look for candidates from nodal/national level institute imparting fire safety training in Nagpur.

Moreover, the court said that appointment of a full-time director is necessary as per the Maharashtra Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Act, 2006 and merely conducting drills is not sufficient.

"The duty of the director of the Maharashtra Fire Services is to ensure that fire-fighting equipment and life-saving measures are made available," it noted.

While asking senior government officials to look into the matter, the court posted the next hearing after two weeks.

No anti-CAA resolution in Budget Session: Cong

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THE STATE government will not bring a resolution opposing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) in the Budget Session of the Assembly, set to begin on February 24, Energy Minister Nitin Raut said on Friday.

Speaking to mediapersons, the Congress leader said: "We (Congress) wanted the government to adopt a resolution in the

state legislative Assembly and Council against CAA... In absence of consensus, we will not press it beyond a point."

"The government is not going to bring any resolution in the Budget Session opposing CAA," he added while maintaining that Congress will continue to oppose the "discriminatory" Act.

In a recent interview to Shiv Sena mouthpiece Saamana, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had supported CAA

but opposed NRC.

While welcoming the decision, BJP leader Madhav Bhandari said, "Congress leaders have to explain their stand to Rahul Gandhi. Is Congress giving up its opposition (to CAA) because of Shiv Sena? Or are they now convinced that the state has limited role in enforcing CAA."

Raut, meanwhile, said that the state government was considering a proposal to provide electricity free to the residential users whose monthly consump-

tion is upto 100 units.

His department will also study a proposal to provide electricity to farmers during daytime, he added.

"I have asked the department to take a decision in three months. The department will also study a proposal to provide electricity to farmers during daytime," the minister said.

At present, electricity for agricultural purposes is provided only during night.

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Extract of Standalone Financial Results for the quarter/ nine months ended on 31st December 2019						
Particulars	Quarter ended on 31.12.2019	Quarter ended on 30.09.2019	Quarter ended on 31.12.2018	Nine months ended on 31.12.2019	Nine months ended on 31.12.2018	Financial year ended on 31.03.2019
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Total revenue from operations	15,262.04	14,871.18	17,173.87	46,224.54	51,481.37	70,610.92
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	2,065.51	1,891.37	3,513.63	6,400.78	12,465.24	16,341.48
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	2,414.74	1,888.79	3,773.30	6,706.68	12,362.03	16,227.25
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	1,803.83	3,837.81	2,456.09	7,180.63	8,042.10	10,533.19
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,767.05	3,759.84	2,351.15	7,016.32	7,953.13	10,482.97
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 10 per share]	1,146.13	1,146.12	1,146.12	1,146.13	1,146.12	1,146.12
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves						69,308.59
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	15.30	33.00	21.05	61.35	69.04	90.41
Diluted earnings per share ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	15.30	33.00	21.05	61.35	69.03	90.40

Extract of Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter/ nine months ended on 31st December 2019						
Particulars	Quarter ended on 31.12.2019	Quarter ended on 30.09.2019	Quarter ended on 31.12.2018	Nine months ended on 31.12.2019	Nine months ended on 31.12.2018	Financial year ended on 31.03.2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total revenue from operations	35,520.41	34,579.18	38,853.88	1,06,046.70	1,15,245.13	1,57,668.99
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	(216.10)	27.02	3,190.92	1,613.93	11,785.68	16,026.69
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(544.74)	(6.54)	3,223.33	1,267.73	11,653.22	15,905.72
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations	(1,165.78)	4,043.45	1,816.68	3,572.86	6,833.85	9,187.29
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Discontinued Operations	(62.75)	(741.14)	(63.61)	(785.05)	(30.78)	(88.96)
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,778.04)	4,483.11	1,925.28	2,093.30	6,911.75	9,106.12
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 10 per share]	1,144.95	1,144.94	1,144.94	1,144.95	1,144.94	1,144.94
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves) and Non controlling interest						67,869.60
Earnings per equity share (for continuing operations):						
Basic earnings per share ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(9.43)	35.71	20.01	32.02	67.46	88.32
Diluted earnings per share ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(9.43)	35.71	20.01	32.02	67.45	88.31
Earnings per equity share (for continuing and discontinued operations):						
Basic earnings per share ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(9.91)	29.25	19.58	25.23	67.31	87.75
Diluted earnings per share ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	(9.91)	29.25	19.58	25.23	67.30	87.74

Note:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone and Consolidated results for the quarter/nine months ended on 31st December, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated results for the quarter/nine months ended on 31st December, 2019 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.nseindia.com/www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.tatasteel.com).

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