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#Covid19 Updates

Samples sent for testing: 1046

Negative: 904

Positive: 12 (11 active) Results awaited: 130

No. Of persons registered for CM's special grant for stranded people: 10, 287

No. Of persons provided financial assistance through CM's registered for special assistance of

Rs. 2100/-: 2,32,572

No. Of labourers verified for special assistance of Rs. 2100/-: 2,06,542.

No. Of labourers provided support under BOCW Act (Rs. 3000/- each): 9,302

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma today said that 5392 stranded students and migrants from the State have received financial assistance so far, out of 10,287 registered with the government CM's Special Grant for stranded people.

On concerns raised regarding rice distribution under PMGKY to non-NFSA, the Chief Minister clarified that the scheme is specific and the guidelines has to be followed, which has been set by the Government of India.

"Some people had requested and urged that if this could be distributed to other beneficiaries who are non-NFSA. I would like to clarify that since it's a scheme and guidelines have been given by government of India, it may not be possible for us to change those protocols", the Chief Minister added.

He informed that the requirement of rice for the people has been addressed through different schemes and also through MLA scheme. "If there are anybody left out, they will also be covered under some schemes of the government."

On Covid-19 positive patient kept together in same room of a particular institution, the Chief Minister said, "I would like to clarify that 2 patients are in one room and one is in a separate room. The protocols are very clear and in almost every other part of the country and in the world, the protocol allows two positive patients to be in the same room, but they only ask that the room should be quite big. So therefore that has been followed and therefore we are maintaining those protocols and we are going as per the protocols. The condition of all the three patients is stable".

On rapid test kit, the Chief Minister said, "ICMR has asked governments not to use Rapid Test Kit and as per their direction, tests are on hold".

He also said that the seven members of the family of the 12th positive case, who were tested through Rapid Test Kit yesterday, where tested today through normal PCR test, and their result is negative.