77 return from Saudi labour camps

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AIPUR: Seventy-seven Rajasthanis stranded in labour camps in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia were evacuated from the country on Thursday.

Krishna Kunal, the acting principal resident commissioner in New Delhi, said these labourers were stuck in labour camps after their company, Oger, went bankrupt. While 70 workers reached Delhi on Thursday, seven more were expected to reach the capital tonight, he said. The state government has ensured free transportation and food, and will give the evacuees an aid of Rs 1,000 to meet their immediate needs. Officer-incharge Vimal Sharma is coordinating the effort under the Rajasthan Shramik Kalyan Prakosht.

District collectors from places where these labourers belong have been put on alert and asked to attend distress calls from those returning home. The Rajasthan Skill Livelihood Development Corporation (RSLDC) will organize a skill upgradation and re-employment programme for these labourers. A workshop has also been proposed for the workers in Jaipur, he added.