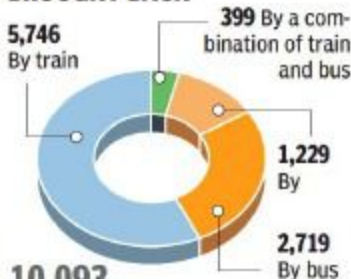


# OVER 1,200 WORKERS FOR METRO 3 SITES BROUGHT BACK TO MUMBAI BY FLIGHT

Most infrastructure work came to a standstill in the initial days of the lockdown, announced in late March, because of labour exodus. Metro 3 contractors, suffering losses because of equipment lying idle, eventually had to resort to any means, including air travel, to bring workers back. **Manthan K Mehta** reports

## HOW WORKERS WERE BROUGHT BACK



**10,093**  
Total number of workers brought back for work on the Metro

## EFFECT OF COVID



## TYPE OF LABOUR FOR METRO

- For getting local labour for the Metro, ads were placed in newspapers because of the state govt's 'sons of the soil' policy when it comes to workers for infrastructure projects
- But it was found that the state's skilled workers are equipped mainly for factories
- For Metro-type civil construction works, there is a greater demand for unskilled labour, and also skills like carpentry and masonry which are in short supply locally



## THEIR HOME STATES

Bihar	2,298
UP	2,226
WB	1,359
Jharkhand	998
MP	271
Maha*	135

\*Outside Mumbai



## FROM ABROAD

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laborers working on the Metro are from Thailand and Nepal

Equipment and machinery are huge fixed costs for the contractors. Hence, it was imperative to deploy labour at the earliest and by any means

**A spokesperson for MMRC**

