

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

PRESS NOTE

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Chandigarh.1st April,2020: The Governor of Punjab-cum-Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Sh. V.P. Singh Badnore today reviewed the arrangements made for anti-corona operation in Chandigarh in the War Room. He also discussed with Director, PGIMER, Director Health Services and Director Principal, GMCH regarding availability of medicines, medical staff, safety measures and other facilities. DC, Mohali and Panchkula joined the meeting through video conferencing. Sh. Badnore expressed happiness about the reduction in number of vehicles plying in the city and against emphasize that Punjab and Haryana must restrict the number of passes to come to Chandigarh.

Adviser, Sh. Manoj Parida briefed the Administrator regarding the video conference taken by the Cabinet Secretary in the morning and stated that Union Government is providing all necessary assistance to Chandigarh to fight against Corona. He mentioned that additional PPEI are on way, which will be used by doctors as safety gears. He also mentioned that funds have been provided for wheat and pulses for the beneficiaries in Chandigarh. This will be in addition to the ration money being provided through Direct Benefit Transfer.

Sh. K.K. Yadav, Commissioner, MC stated that they have introduced 08 more companies namely Punjab Agro, Punjab Markfed, Reliance, Big Bazaar, Bigbasket, 24X7, Bhejo and Groffers for delivery of groceries at door steps. On query of Administrator, he stated that necessary arrangements for fodder for cattles have been made. Municipal Corporation has also taken charge of feeding stray dogs at certain places in the city. He informed the Administrator that safety kits have been provided to the Sanitary Staff of Municipal Corporation, who are involved in the sanitization work. MC has announced a bonus of Rs.1,000/- for the staff engaged in sanitization duty. The Administrator directed Sh. KK Yadav to ensure that the operation in Sector 26 Mandi are streamlined, so that there is no crowd and congestion there.

Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner informed that as many as 41,754 cooked food packets were distributed to the destitute in the city on 31/03/2020. He also informed that the demands for the food packets have been increasing.

The Adviser stated that since several companies have now been authorized for door step delivery, the people with resources should take advantage of it. Only the needy should go for free cooked food distributed by the Administration.

Sh. Badnore was happy about the introduction of new Covid Application through IOS and directed Ms. Nazuk Kumar, Director IT to ensure that the information available is updated regularly.

Sh. Sanjay Baniwal, Director General of Police informed that the list of 05 persons who attended Nizamudin Markaz have been received. The persons has been located and kept in isolation under medical supervision.

Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, Finance Secretary mentioned that all arrangements have been made in Banks and ATMs for the people to withdraw their salaries and money, as and when these get credited. The people can avail facility while maintaining social distancing norms, since the branches of plenty of banks and ATMs are available in the city.

Health Secretary, Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, stated that adequate medicines are available in the hospitals. All contacts who have been traced have been quarantined. 56 teams are out in the city to trace and examine quarantined persons.

The Administrator announced that all doctors who want to stay in quarantine instead of with their families will be provided free accommodation and food in hotel Parkview. Adviser clarified that any doctor of UT or even PGIMER can avail this facility. Similarly, the facility is available to private persons on payment also.

Hon'ble Prime Minister will take a video conferencing with all the Chief Ministers tomorrow. The Administrator, Sh. VP Singh Badnore and Adviser, Manoj Parida will attend the same alongwith Health Secretary, Arun Kumar Gupta and Director General of Police, Sanjay Baniwal.

MEDICAL REPORT

The following one Covid positive case has been found in Chandigarh :-

“A 49 years old male resident of Sector 35 was admitted on 30/03/2020 in isolation ward of GMSH 16. He had a typical pneumonia with bilateral pneumonitis. He has tested positive for nCoV. He has no travel history to any affected country but he has contacted history with two of his relatives at Mansa, Punjab who had come from Dubai and Singapore respectively. His three family members have been home quarantined. The premises of the house has been sanitized by the Health Department. Information about his contacts in Punjab has been shared.”