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ADMINISTRATOR REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CITY : WAR ROOM DIRECTIONS

Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Sh. VP Singh Badnore today presided over Daily War Room meeting. The meeting was attended by Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser, UT, Chandigarh and Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police at Raj Bhawan. The Administrator also interacted with Sh. Arun Gupta, Principal Secretary (Home), Sh. AK Sinha, Finance Secretary, Sh. KK Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation and Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, Deputy Commissioners of Mohali & Panchkula, Director-PGIMER, Director Health Services and Director Principal, GMCH through Video Conferencing.

WAR ROOM DIRECTIONS

1. The Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh expressed his concern about the increasing number of positive cases and sought the advice of PGIMER and other experts to tackle the problem. He directed Director General of Police to ensure that the Containment Areas are strictly sealed and no entry/exit is allowed except for authorized persons. He suggested that volunteers within the Colony should be briefed to keep a watch on the people, so that there is a proper social distancing in their interaction within the Containment Zone.

2. The Administrator stressed that adequate food and dry ration should be provided, so that there is no one in the Containment Zone, who goes hungry.
3. The Administrator expressed happiness that Director General of Police has arranged spray of sanitized chemical through drones in the area.
4. The Administrator expressed satisfaction on the work of the Administration in arranging special “Shramik Trains” for movement of migrants. He expressed happiness that the passengers were provided with adequate food and water and the entire expenses were borne by the Administration including the cost of rail tickets.

The Administrator thanked the Central Government and Railway Authorities for providing trains at such a short notice.

Adviser Sh. Manoj Parida clarified that as soon as the Central Government decided to allow movement of stranded persons, the Administration immediately arranged trains for their movement. He also mentioned that around 16 trains mainly to take migrant persons to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Manipur are being organized.

- Dr. G. Dewan, Director Health Services stated that necessary testing has been done in UT, Chandigarh as per the norms laid down by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Health Ministry. Every symptomatic person in Chandigarh has been duly tested after receiving reports from the Screening Teams, which move from door to door in each sector/colony. Dr. Dewan clarified that three deaths that have happened in Chandigarh are of aged people and the death cause was not exclusively due to COVID-19, but rather due to co-morbidities.

The Administrator directed Director Health Services to further expand testing and focus on Containment Areas.

- Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary (Health) stated that necessary arrangements have been done to enlist a panel of hotels for accommodating the foreign returning persons to Chandigarh.

The Administrator directed that since the paying capacity of the returnees will vary, hence that should be a range of payment option. He also directed health authorities to ensure that all foreign returnees are duly tested.

Principal Secretary Health further stated that the increasing number of positive cases was due to more intense screening, enhanced number of testing and enhanced contact tracing. Chandigarh Administration has been doing screening and testing, beyond norms laid down by Government of India.

- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner stated that 1,14,000 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and needy persons in various parts of the city. He also stated that 2,74,000 persons have downloaded Aarogya Setu Applications in UT, Chandigarh. He further informed that teams of Civil Defence have been engaged within the Bapu Dham Colony to ensure social distancing among the residents. They will also supervise distribution of essential items in the area through local volunteers.
- Sh. KK Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation stated that necessary sanitization in the city is being done regularly. The distribution of fruits, vegetables etc. through the Administration's buses will continue for a few more days. He also informed that the traders have been shifted to ISBT, Sector 17 temporarily.
- Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser stated that all used PPEs are being scientifically disposed off.
- The Hon'ble Administrator appealed to the residents not to be panicky. He clarified that the UT Administration has kept the things like odd-even formula and limited shopping hours, which is stricter than the guidelines formulated by Ministry of Home Affairs. He further appealed to all citizens to maintain proper social distancing and cooperate with the Administration in a fight against Corona unitedly together.