

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI  
OFFICE OF DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER**

No. 1(461)/DDMA(HQ)/Misc/COVID-19/2020/1530-1552

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DDMA HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON  
18.09.2020 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

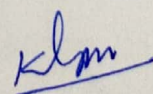
1. A meeting to discuss COVID-19 pandemic situation in NCT of Delhi was held on September 18, 2020 through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor. List of participants is enclosed.
2. At the outset, Hon'ble LG welcomed the participants. While appreciating the efforts made by all concerned in handling the COVID19 situation Hon'ble LG emphasised that in wake of the recent spike in COVID cases all necessary steps need to be taken to contain the spread of the virus . Due care and caution should continue to be exercised while proceeding ahead with unlocking .
3. Thereafter, Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation and apprised about the situation and existing scenario in Delhi. The presentation outlined the recent trends captured and observations on the same. It was explained that the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) continued its declining trend in September (till 17<sup>th</sup>) to 0.72% following a significant dip in August at 1.23% vis-à-vis 2.53% in July and 3.37% in June. Presently, the rate is well below the targeted CFR of 1%. In terms of absolute numbers, while three days in August saw single-digit deaths, there has been some increase in the number of deaths thereafter. The inspection teams/committees constituted in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order have been asked to do a micro-analysis of the mortalities in respective hospitals under their review and suggest corrective actions, if required. In home-isolation cases since July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 only one death has taken place. This is due to concerted efforts put in by the officers concerned of GNCTD despite a significant increase in number of home isolation cases. The number of active COVID-19 cases has increased to 31721 from 15870 on 01.09.2020, while testing has more than trebled. Total testing in September alone is more than 50% of testing upto August 31, 2020 (8,23,953 vis-à-vis 16,08,064).

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The details of testing at various ingress points as well as mobile testing teams was also shared. The number of containment zones post the new guidelines since 29.07.2020 now stand at 1751 (as on 17.09.2020) vis-à-vis 744 on 29.07.2020. Details of enforcement action by the district administration were also placed on record.

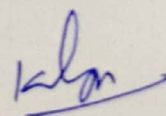
4. Pr. Secretary (H&FW) also briefed about various IEC activities that have been undertaken. An overview of the status of the hospital beds and the trend in ratio of hospital occupancy vis-à-vis active cases was also shared. While a significant percentage of patients from outside Delhi are now accessing our health infrastructure, the overall occupancy profile still remains at the levels as seen during the first peak in June, 2020 when this category was hardly a significant number. The capacity escalation plan was also shared. Private hospitals have been asked to temporarily increase their bed capacity by 30% and have also been directed to reserve 80% of their total ICU/HDU beds for COVID-19 patients. The oxygen capacity and consumption details thereof were also shared, with the position presently being comfortable. Ambulance details also revealed a position of comfort as of now. Hon'ble LG complimented Pr. Secretary (Health) for the comprehensive presentation and opened the discussion for experts.
5. Dr. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, Govt. of India appreciated the efforts of the GNCTD in controlling the positivity rate within 2 weeks but highlighted that the surge is still there and as such, a calibrated slowing of unlocking process taking into account the recent surge would be advisable. He stated that Delhi needs to continue to ramp up the testing facilities to reach the WHO guideline of 5% positivity rate. At the same time, RT-PCR testing must also be scaled up while RAT testing should continue to complement the efforts.
6. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director AIIMS also appreciated the work being done. He stressed on the need to ramp up RT-PCR testing. Further, he opined that unlike June, more non-Covid cases are coming, and once ICU care occupancy breaches 80% of the capacity because of the upsurge in COVID cases, there is a need to build a buffer. Also, with unlock, non-COVID care demand is also increasing and





there is upsurge in as trauma cases. Finally, he stressed that COVID-appropriate behavior needs to be emphasized and therefore, our IEC outreach needs to be more aggressive and may require fine tuning. He pointed out that more critical care admissions are taking place and hospital strategy also needs to factor in this.

7. Dr. Surjit Kumar Singh, Director NCDC complimented the GNCTD for following and aggressive testing approach and informed that the increased testing has been able to detect more cases. Also, the number of containment zones has increased significantly but only 15-20% of cases are being reported from there. As such, the containment strategy needs to be relooked into, for which a separate discussion could be held in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Also, moderate cases should be monitored more actively and the focus should be largely on co-morbidity and mortality. Dr. Paul stressed that maybe there is now a need to do multiple scenario-planning if it is accepted that the containment strategy needs a relook. Chief Secretary, Delhi submitted that the various degrees of unlocking have had an impact on the number of cases but containment as a strategy has seen success, and agreed with the suggestion for re-strategizing under technical leadership and guidance of Dr. Paul. Dr. Surjit Singh agreed with the Chief Secretary.
8. Dr. Paul endorsed the views of Dr. Guleria and Prof. Bhargava. He stressed that more clarity is needed on the number of cases coming from containment zones to formulate a clear view on this. Also, IEC activities on COVID-appropriate behavior need to be scaled up. Chief Secretary directed Pr. Secretary (Revenue) and Pr. Secretary (H&FW) to share these details and other containment and enforcement measures being taken. Pr. Secretary (Health) informed that this data has been shared with NCDC and has been briefly alluded to in the presentation. Dr. Simi, representing NCDC, informed that the broad trend of more cases from outside containment zones remains the same.
9. Hon'ble LG advised that to reduce positivity and mortality re-strategization as considered necessary and as suggested by experts should be finalised at earliest . At the same time strict enforcement of preventive and protective measures for





containment of COVID should be ensured at all levels . Hon'ble CM also thanked the experts. Both Hon'ble LG and Hon'ble CM asked the Chief Secretary to convene a meeting with the experts early next week and suggest measures regarding containment of COVID-19 for consideration by the DDMA in the later half of next week.

10. Pr. Secretary (H&FW) informed that the technical teams would engage in preliminary discussions over the weekend. He also flagged that percentage of cases from containment zones have remained at this level more or less since June, 2020.

11. Chief Secretary submitted that a meeting of DDMA next week would be scheduled with the suggestions of the experts.

12. The following orders of DDMA, issued since last meeting of DDMA, were also ratified:

S.No	Order No. & Date (Reference File)	Reference	Order/Direction in Brief
1.	Dated 21.08.2020 (F.DDMA/COVID/2020/1/292)	DDMA meeting held on 19.08.2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.	Hotels shall be permitted to operate throughout the NCT of Delhi in all areas, except in containment zones, subject to strict compliance of SOP issued by MoHFW, GoI dated 04.06.2020.
2.	Dated 21.08.2020 (F.DDMA/COVID/2020/1/293)	DDMA meeting held on 19.08.2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.	One weekly market per day per zone in all three Municipal Corporations / New Delhi Municipal Council / Delhi Cantonment Board shall be allowed to function on trial basis for a week i.e. from <b>24.08.2020 to 30.08.2020</b> in NCT of Delhi, except in containment zones.
3.	Dated 30.08.2020 (F.2/7/2020/S.1/ Pt. File-iv/300)	-	One weekly market per day per zone in all three Municipal Corporations / New Delhi Municipal Council / Delhi Cantonment Board shall be allowed to function on trial basis further for a week i.e. from <b>31.08.2020 to 06.09.2020</b> in NCT of Delhi, except in containment zones.

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4.	Dated 31.08.2020 (F.2/7/2020/S.1/ Pt. File-iv/303)	MHA Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.08.2020 annexed with guidelines for phased reopening (Unlock 4) & D.O. letter dated 29.08.2020.	Maintaining "status quo" with respect to prohibited/permited activities as on date, in NCT of Delhi till 02.09.2020.
5.	Dated 03.09.2020 (F.2/7/2020/S.1/ Pt. File-iv/304)	MHA Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.08.2020 annexed with guidelines for phased reopening (Unlock 4) & D.O. letter dated 29.08.2020.	Maintaining "status quo" with respect to prohibited/permited activities as on date, in NCT of Delhi till 30.09.2020. and opening of bars w.e.f 09.09.2020 and continuation of weekly markets till 13.09.2020 (on trial basis).
6.	Dated 04.09.2020 (F/DDMA/COVID 19/2020/1/ /305)	MHA Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 22.08.2020 regarding SOP for International arrival.	Compliance of SOP for International travel under Vande Bharat scheme and Air Transport Bubble Arrangement.
7.	Dated 14.09.2020 (F.2/7/2020/S.1/ Pt. File-iv/314)	-	Continuation of one weekly market per day per zone to function on trial basis till 30.09.2020 and opening of Gyms & Yoga institutes with immediate effect.

13. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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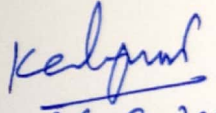
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3. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Gol.
4. Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD.

6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD.
7. OSD to Chief Secretary, GNCTD.
8. Addl. Chief Secretary (Services)/Nodal Officer, GNCT of Delhi.
9. Director, Local Bodies, UD Department, Delhi Secretariat Delhi
10. Ms. Arti Ahuja, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.
11. Commissioner of Police, GNCT of Delhi.
12. Addl. Secretary (Policy and Plan), NDMA, MHA, Govt. of India.
13. General Officer Commanding (HQ), Delhi Cantt. Area, Delhi
14. Pr. Secretary (Home), GNCTD.
15. Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD.
16. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD.
17. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, GoI.
18. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA
19. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member NDMA
20. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS
21. Dr. P. Ravindran, Addl. DDG (DGHS) & Director EMR, MoHFW, GoI
22. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
23. Sh. Ravi Dhawan, Spl CEO (DDMA), GNCT of Delhi

  
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