

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

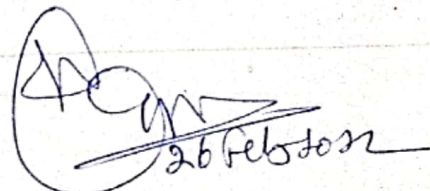
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**MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON  
25.02.2022 (FRIDAY) AT 12:30 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE  
LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) chaired by Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic situation in NCT of Delhi, was held on February 25, 2022 through Video Conferencing.
2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and requested the Chief Secretary, Delhi to start the proceedings.
3. Thereafter, Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation before the participants highlighting inter alia the management of current COVID-19 situation in Delhi and data on Testing and Positivity trends, Current situation & Trend Analysis, Hospitalization, Audit Report of Covid deaths, Bed Escalation, Isolation, Covid Essential drugs stock availability, Oxygen Preparedness, CATS Ambulance Services, Vaccination and Genome Sequencing. It also included information on bed occupancy of Covid oxygenated beds, Covid ICU beds and Covid ventilator beds. Details of hospitalized patients with reference to different kind of beds occupied were also shared. Death analysis data of the patients who died from 10.01.2022 to 24.02.2022 was also presented before the participants.
4. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that on 24.02.2022, a total of 50591 tests were done in Delhi, out of which, 40299 were RTPCR tests and remaining 10292 were Rapid Antigen tests. Covid bed capacity in the Government and Private hospitals as on 24.02.2022 was 13373. As on 24.02.2022 only 158 patients were hospitalized and out of these 69 patients needed oxygen, 72 patients were on ICU and only 16 patients were on ventilator. On Covid beds escalation plan, it was informed that out of 37,000 targeted Covid beds, 31970 beds were ready as on 25.02.2022, out of 10594 targeted ICU beds, 9324 beds were ready and 2328 pediatrics beds were ready as on 25.02.2022. Analysis of cases and mortality rate between 10.01.2022 to 24.02.2022 was also shared. It was mentioned that maximum number of deaths occurred in the age groups from 46-60, 61-75 and beyond 75 years onwards. The percentage of mortality have been found to be 21.99, 32.36 and 26.70 respectively.
5. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD presented an update on Medical Oxygen Infrastructure in Delhi. It was informed that all 97 PSA Plants with total capacity of 116.06 MTs have already been commissioned. It was also informed that as on 24.02.2022, LMO storage tanks capacity of 996.05 MT have been installed with buffer reserve of 442 MTs and all the 8 tanks received PESO clearance. Oxygen capacity of 233.97 MT cylinders and Cylinders Reserve of 6000 (D type) + 9115 cylinders have been distributed in hospitals linked with Covid Care Centres. Further, 2 cryogenic bottling plants with capacity of 12.5 MTs have also been commissioned. PESO clearance has been received with capacity to refill 1400 jumbo cylinders /day. It was also informed that work order has been awarded for delivery of 15 LMO tanks. Delivery of 1 tank by 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and remaining 14 tanks by 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 would be made by the vendors.



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6. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed more than 312.30 lakh of vaccine doses have been administered as on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 in Delhi. 1<sup>st</sup> dose has been administered to 110% of eligible population and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose has been administered to 88% of such beneficiaries. It was also informed that a total of 4,07,893 precaution doses have been administered on 24.02.2022. 1<sup>st</sup> dose has also been administered in 15-18 year age group to 90% and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose has been administered to 54% of such beneficiaries upto 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Covid vaccine stocks available as on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, were 16.42 lakh doses (Covishield- 14.18 lakh doses, Covaxin-2.23 lakh doses).

7. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that the availability of CATS ambulances as on 24.02.2022 was 692 (237 CATS Ambulances + 135 hired ambulances + 320 cabs). 320 cabs have been deployed at Covid-19 vaccination centers for 2 shifts only i.e. 07:00 AM to 03:00 PM, 03:00 PM to 11:00 PM, which can be diverted to CATS ambulance centre, whenever required. The number of hired ambulances will be de-escalated 70 w.e.f. 01/03/2022 & 65 w.e.f. 01/04/2022 (Total 135 Ambulances).

8. On Genome Sequencing, Secretary (H&FW) informed that 626 samples were analyzed by various labs such as ILBS, LNH & NCDC and out of these, 576 samples were detected with the Omicron variant and 11 with Delta variant. Ratio observed is 92% Omicron and 02% Delta variant and 06% others.

9. After the presentation, Chief Secretary, Delhi requested the experts for their views and further guidance.

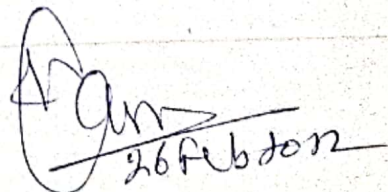
10. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog, GoI observed that the Covid situation in NCT of Delhi was comfortable now compared to the situation few weeks ago. The total number of active cases, positivity rate and number of deaths have declined substantially in the last few days. Considering the present situation, he stated that it was an appropriate time to open up and relax the restrictions imposed in Delhi. However, he desired to know the experience of opening of schools in Delhi. He also asked for details of present restrictions and permitted activities in Delhi and also in the adjoining States.

11. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCT of Delhi shared the comparative details of restrictions imposed in various states of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra (including Mumbai), Karnataka and West Bengal (including Kolkatta) and also various permitted / restricted activities in GNCT of Delhi.

12. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi opined that it was right time to relax all restrictions in Delhi. He observed that taking into consideration the experience of 2 years of Covid pandemic, people in general were also conscious of their responsibilities. He suggested that Delhi should emulate the orders issued by the Haryana Government.

13. Hon'ble Health Minister, GNCT of Delhi mentioned that hospitalization cases and positivity rate have declined sharply and expressed that it was time to open up the restrictions imposed by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority.

14. Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCT of Delhi also agreed with the suggestions of Hon'ble Deputy CM and Hon'ble Health Minister, GNCT of Delhi. He observed that if needed, restrictions could always be imposed at short notice. He also desired that

  
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standing of passengers in Delhi Metro and DTC buses be allowed as it would lead to less crowding of bus stops and areas around the metro stations.

15. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC congratulated the Delhi Government its management of Covid 19 situation. He observed that considering the present situation, there was no need to continue hybrid mode of teaching in the schools. The epidemiological data has also proved it. He also suggested that all Delhi Metro gates be opened. However, he advised focused surveillance and testing and closed watch on SAARI cases in the hospitals. He advised that Genome Sequencing may also be carried out in a scientific manner.

Dr V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog broadly agreed with the suggestion of the Director, NCDC. He observed that schools could also function normally without hybrid mode of teaching. He agreed that Night curfew in NCT of Delhi could be done away with. However, he mentioned that number of cases could increase once restrictions were relaxed in NCT of Delhi. Therefore, a careful watch on massive gatherings and implementation of Covid Appropriate Behaviour was desirable at such places. On surveillance he observed that Delhi needed a somewhat different model. Regarding expansion of vaccination to the age group of 12-15 years he stated that Government of India is working on this aspect and a decision would be conveyed at appropriate time.

16. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, agreed with the observations of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi. However, referring to the directions in Uttar Pradesh, he suggested that indoor places should not be opened fully but all outdoor activities could be opened up. Wearing of masks may be continued.

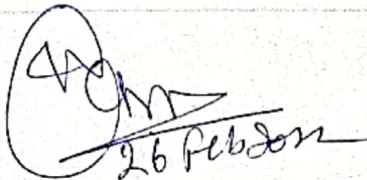
17. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA also agreed with the suggestions of the experts and Hon'ble Ministers. However, he pointed out that Holi season could lead to spurt in infections and therefore advised that Covid Appropriate Behaviour should continue to be enforced.

18. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS congratulated the Health & Family Welfare Department, Delhi Government for handling the situation well. He advised launching of outreach programme for vaccination of elderly people who were yet to be vaccinated.

19. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi observed that situation in Delhi was under control and positivity rate was only around 0.8%. He mentioned that 2 years of restrictions had made the situation difficult for daily wagers and poor people. He completely agreed with the views expressed by the Hon'ble Ministers and suggested that all restrictions be removed. He pointed out that there was no reason to adopt different yardsticks in the NCR region. Haryana and Madhya Pradesh States have completely withdrawn all restrictions and even Uttar Pradesh had very few restrictions. He also observed that while enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour should be continued but fine for not wearing of mask be reduced.

20. Based on the discussions and unanimous opinion of all experts, Chief Secretary, Delhi summed up the deliberations as under:-

- a) Covid cases and daily positivity rate has declined substantially over the last few days and fallen to 0.8%. He recalled that all experts have agreed that it was an appropriate time to relax restrictions in Delhi. He also referred to the

  
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latest instructions received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India where it has been mentioned that in view of overall improved situation relaxation in various activities may be considered. It has also been mentioned therein that after assessing the local situation, social, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious, academic, night curfew, operation of transport, shopping complexes, cinema halls, gyms, spas, restaurants and bars; opening of schools, colleges, offices and other commercial activities be considered for opening.

- b) Considering the MHA, GoI advisory and after taking views of all experts, it was unanimously agreed that all prohibitions / restrictions imposed in the Territory of NCT of Delhi be removed w.e.f. 28.02.2022 (Monday). However, it was also agreed that blended / hybrid mode (online & offline) of learning to be continued for schools excepting Class X and XII till 31.03.2022 in Schools, Educational / Coaching Institutes, subject to compliance of SOPs / guidelines / orders issued by Govt. of India / NDMA/ GNCTD / DDMA etc. from time to time.
- c) It was also agreed that Covid Appropriate Behaviour should continue to be enforced while allowing all activities in NCT of Delhi. It was also agreed that amount of fine for not wearing of masks be reduced to Rs.500/-.

21. After detailed discussions with experts, in view of the decline in COVID positive cases and hospitalization, Hon'ble Lt. Governor agreed to remove all Covid-19 related restrictions in Delhi from 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 while adhering to the guidelines issued by the Govt. of India and ensuring observance of COVID Appropriate Behaviour including wearing of masks & maintaining social distancing. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also emphasized on ensuring systematic and greater outreach to achieve 100% vaccination coverage of the targeted population. While appreciating the efforts made by all stakeholders in management of Covid-19, reiterated that all agencies should continue to remain vigilant without lowering the guard.

22.. The members of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) also resolved to ratify all decisions / orders issued since the last meeting.

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

  
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2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD.
3. Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
4. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, GoI.
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. ACS (Power), GNCT of Delhi.



9. General Officer Commanding (HQ), Delhi Cantt. Area, Delhi.
10. Commissioner of Police, GNCT of Delhi.
11. The Addl. Secretary (Policy and Plan), NDMA, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI.
12. ACS (UD) & Director, Local Bodies, UD Department, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi.
13. ACS (Home) / State Nodal Officer, GNCTD.
14. ACS (H&FW), GNCTD.
15. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD.
16. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, Govt. of India.
17. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA.
18. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member NDMA.
19. Dr. RandeepGuleria, Director, AIIMS.
20. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
21. Director, Education Department, GNCTD
21. Sr. System Analyst, Revenue Department, GNCTD for uploading the Minutes of Meeting on the DDMA website.

  
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