

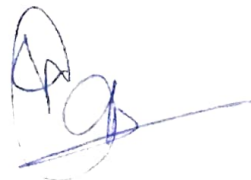
**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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Dated: 11-02-2022

**MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON
27.01.2022 (Thursday) AT 12:30 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE
LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 32nd 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 January 27, 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. The presentation outlined the management of COVID-19 situation in Delhi and comprised data on Testings and Positivity Trends, Current Situation & Trend Analysis, Bed Escalation Plans, Home Isolation, Human Resource, Availability of Covid Medicines, Oxygen Preparedness, Covid Helpline Status, Vaccination and Genome Sequencing. It also included information on bed occupancy, based on COVID beds, oxygenated beds, Covid ICU beds and Covid ventilator beds. Details of hospitalised patients with reference to different kind of beds occupied were also shared. Death analysis data of the patients who died during the period was also presented before the participants.
4. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that on 26.01.2022, a total of 70804 tests were done, out of which, 56737 were RTPCR tests and remaining 14067 were Rapid Antigen tests. Covid bed capacity in the Government and Private hospitals on 26.01.2022 was 15420 and a total of 2137 Covid beds were occupied. Out of these, only 2074 Covid Oxygen Support beds, 785 ICU beds and 316 ventilator beds were occupied by the Covid 19 patients.
5. On Genome Sequencing, Secretary (H&FW) informed that 2503 samples were analyzed by various labs such as ILBS, LNH & NCDC and out of these, 1978 samples were detected with a variant of Omicron and 343 with Delta variant. Ratio of this comes to 79% Omicron and 13.70% Delta variant and 7.27% others.
6. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD also shared Covid beds escalation plan and informed that out of 37,000 target Covid beds, 31695 bed were ready as on 26.01.2022, out of 10594 target ICU beds, 9844 beds were ready and 2328 target pediatrics beds were ready as on 26.01.2022.
7. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD presented an update on Medical Oxygen Infrastructure in Delhi. It was informed that a total 97 PSA Plants with total capacity of 116.06 MT were either installed or in the process of being commissioned. Total 94 PSA plants with total capacity 112.01 MT have already been commissioned. 3 PSA plants would be commissioned by 31st January, 2022. It was also informed that as on 26.01.2022, LMO storage tanks capacity of 900 MTs have been installed with buffer reserve of 442 MTs. Oxygen capacity of 227 MT cylinders (with Medical institutions) 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 been installed and both 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 3 tanks by 31st January, 2022, 6 tanks by 24th February, 2022 and remaining 06th tanks by 24th March, 2022 would be made by the vendors.

8. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed more than 293.51 lakh of vaccine doses have been administered as on 26th January, 2022 in Delhi. 1st dose has been administered to 109% of eligible population and 2nd dose has been administered to 82% of such beneficiaries. It was also informed that a total of 2,34,760 precaution doses have been administered as on 26.01.2022. 1st dose has also been administered in 15-18 year age group to 2,51,179 beneficiaries between 3rd January, 2022 to 26th January, 2022. Covid vaccine stocks available as on 26th January, 2022, were 14.99 lakh doses (Covishield- 11.24 lakh doses, Covaxin-3.75 lakh doses).

9. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD presented the current status of 1031 Covid helpline which is managed by a call center M/s Germanium Technologies Ltd., engaged by Administrative Reforms Department and is based at Noida. Helpline is operational 24x7 and with 30 operators along with 150 phone lines. Currently 6 PRI lines (180 channels) are active for Delhi Government, which is sufficient for handling 8000 to 10,000 calls per day. All the operators are properly trained to receive the calls and to appropriately address the queries of the citizens. FAQs on various aspects of concerns of callers have been prepared and regularly updated in consultation with concerned HOD and vertical heads formed during last Covid crisis. Any new information, not covered in the FAQs, if sought by any citizen, is collected from the concerned Department / Vertical Head and added to the FAQs. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD also informed that the Tele medical consultancy service have started with Login IDs of 66 doctors for attending to the calls in four shifts.

10. After the presentation, Chief Secretary, Delhi asked the experts for their views.

11. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog, GoI observed that the Covid situation in NCT of Delhi was stable now. Number of cases and positivity rate have also declined substantially in the last few days. This was due to extensive efforts and systematic planning and excellent implementation by GNCT of Delhi. Considering the present situation, it was appropriate now to consider relaxations on the restrictions imposed in the NCT of Delhi. However, he reiterated that the relaxations be allowed in a calibrated manner and simultaneously Covid Appropriate Behaviour should continued to be ensured.

12. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC congratulated the Delhi Government for excellent planning in all spheres of management of Covid-19 in the wake of recent surge of cases of Omicron variant in NCT of Delhi. Referring to the audit report of Covid deaths, he observed that majority of deaths have occurred among unvaccinated persons. He emphasized that Genome Sequencing and epidemiological analysis of hospitalized cases where deaths have occurred, should be carried out. It needs to be ascertained as to which variant leads to fatality of the patient.

13. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, GoI commended the plans made by the Delhi Government. He observed that declining trend of positivity rate from 30% to 10% and daily cases in the last few days were good indicators of the present situation. He observed that 2nd dose vaccination coverage was good but emphasized that continued efforts should be made to increase it further as far as possible.



14. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA complimented the Health & Family Welfare Department of Delhi Government for excellent planning and execution in the current surge. He observed that given the declining trend in positivity rate, relaxation on restrictions and opening of various activities could be considered. He suggested that this may be linked to the positivity rate.

15. Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Joint Secretary, NDMA commended a well prepared plan considering the situation in Delhi a few days ago. He suggested that schools may be opened in a staggered way. In the first stage, schools from class IX to XII could be considered and later on classes VI to VIII and primary classes could be opened. He further advised that vaccination of all students in the age group of 15-18 years and booster dose for old and persons with co-morbidities should be ensured. He stated that so far Omicron has been found to be highly infectious yet its impact has been mild on the patients. As such, a cautious approach on opening of various activities and relaxations would be better.

16. Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department, GNCTD observed that bed occupancy in Delhi was less than 2000 which also included about 15% occupancy by the patients from outside Delhi. He mentioned that positivity rate was also less than 10% now and therefore it was time that restrictions were relaxed and should be maintained at a level which are similar to the restrictions imposed in the other adjoining places in NCR region.

17. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi also observed that the situation was much improved and better in Delhi now. Hon'ble CM mentioned that activities such as holding of marriage functions etc. have shifted to adjoining places in the NCR region in recent weeks and people associated with the activities have been representing to the government to allow the same in NCT of Delhi as well. He was of the view that Delhi should now move towards normalization and various restrictions imposed in NCT of Delhi be relaxed in view of the declining number of cases and positivity rate.

18. Chief Secretary, Delhi summed up the deliberations as under:-

- a) It was recalled that Covid cases were rising till about Lohri i.e. 13th January, 2022, when the positivity rate was nearly 30% and total number of cases were also nearly 29000. Considering the severity of situation at that point of time, restrictions were imposed. Due to these restrictions, situation has become better now and both positivity rate and number of cases have declined substantially. Bed occupancy and hospitalization cases have also gone down.
- b) Delhi had imposed stricter restrictions as compared to adjoining places in the NCR region and there has been demand that Delhi should also have similar kind of restrictions.
- c) As per unanimous opinion of all experts, it was agreed that orders of Weekend Curfew, opening of shops on odd-even basis should be withdrawn. It was also agreed that Cinema Halls / Theatres / Multiplexes, Restaurants and bars should also be allowed with 50% seating capacity as allowed in adjoining places of NCR region. As far as number of guests in marriages was concerned, it was agreed that marriage related gathering should be allowed upto 50% capacity of the Banquet Hall / Marriage Hall / Assembly Hall / Venue with a ceiling of 200 persons.



- d) All Government Offices of NCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / PSUs / Corporations / Local Bodies shall function with 50% staff.

19. Hon'ble LG appreciated the efforts put in by all in ensuring effective management of COVID 19 pandemic in Delhi. After considering the advice of the experts and the prevailing trend of decline in positivity rate and daily cases, Hon'ble Lt. Governor agreed to gradually ease restrictions. Hon'ble LG advised all Agencies to ensure strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour and to continue to be vigilant without lowering the guard. The Health Department was advised to enhance vaccination coverage with special focus on vulnerable sections and also to undertake necessary epidemiological analysis of hospitalized patients.

20. 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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3. Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
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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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