

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

F.No.1(579)/DDMA(HQ)/Meeting/Covid/2021-22/ 23

Dated: 23/04/2022

**MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 20.04.2022  
(Wednesday) AT 11:00 AM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT.  
GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 36<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 April 20, 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 and trend analysis, Hospitalization, Audit report of Covid deaths, Bed Escalation, Isolation, Covid Essential drugs stock availability, Oxygen Preparedness, CATS Ambulance Services, 1031 Helpline, Vaccination and Genome Sequencing. Details of hospitalized patients with reference to different kinds of beds occupied were also shared.
4. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that on 18.04.2022, a total of 6492 tests were conducted in Delhi, out of which, 5219 were RTPCR tests and remaining 1273 were Rapid Antigen tests. As on 19.04.2022 only 80 patients were hospitalized and out of these 59 patients needed oxygen, 20 patients were on ICU and only 13 patients were on ventilator. On Covid beds escalation plan, it was informed that out of 37,000 targeted Covid beds, 31622 beds were ready as on 19.04.2022, out of 10594 targeted ICU beds, 9274 beds were ready and out of 2328 Covid Pediatrics bed 2253 were ready.
5. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD presented an update on Medical Oxygen Infrastructure in Delhi. It was informed that all 97 PSA Plants with a total capacity of 116.06 MTs have already been commissioned. It was also informed that as on 19.04.2022, LMO storage tanks capacity of 991.51 MT have been installed with buffer reserve of 442 MTs and all the 8 tanks received PESO clearance. Oxygen capacity of 232.27 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 been installed and

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commissioned. PESO clearance has been received with capacity to refill 1400 jumbo cylinders /day. It was also informed that a work order has been awarded for delivery of 15 LMO tanks. Delivery of 1 tank has been received, three tankers work is almost completed and will be delivered by the end of April, 2022, 01 tanker will be delivered by 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and 05 tankers will be delivered by 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 by the vendors.

6. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that more than 329.94 lakh of vaccine doses have been administered as on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 in Delhi. The 1<sup>st</sup> dose has been administered to 100% of the eligible population and the 2nd dose has been administered to 92% of such beneficiaries. It was also informed that a total of 5,89,796 precaution doses have been administered on 19.04.2022. 1<sup>st</sup> dose has also been administered in the 15-17 year age group to 96% and 2nd dose has been administered to 77% of such beneficiaries upto 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The 1<sup>st</sup> dose has also been administered in the 12-14 years age group to 76% and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is 3%.

7. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that the present operational status of CATS ambulances as on 19.04.2022 was 305 (240 CATS Ambulances + 65 hired ambulances) and plan to escalate the fleet of ambulances to 350 shortly.

8. On Genome Sequencing, Secretary (H&FW) informed that in the Month of March, 2022, a total of 783 samples were received by various labs and out of these 504 samples were analyzed and detected with the Omicron variant and Nil with Delta variant. Ratio observed was 100% Omicron and 0% Delta and other variants. In the Month of April, 142 samples have been collected and reports are awaited. However, keeping in view the recent increase in cases, it has been decided to send all RT-PCR positive samples of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April for sequencing at ILBS so as to ascertain if there is a new variant attributable to the same.

9. After the presentation, the Chief Secretary, Delhi requested the views of the experts.

10. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS congratulated the Chief Secretary, Delhi for his excellent leadership during the times of pandemic in the last two years. Dr. Guleria observed that there has been some increase in Covid cases but the symptoms among the infected patients have been found to be mild. A close watch is needed amongst the cases of elderly and persons with Co-morbidities. He advised that surveillance be kept and clusters of cases should not be allowed to be developed. A close watch on the social gatherings should also be kept. He emphasized that symptomatic persons should be advised to come for testing and awareness on this aspect should be promoted. He remarked that there was no need to take any drastic steps at this stage and only close monitoring was needed.

11. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC also expressed his gratitude towards the Chief Secretary, Delhi for leading the Delhi Government officers and medical personnel in its fight against the Covid. He however, observed that surge in Covid positive cases have been reported

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recently in all Northern States and situation was similar in Delhi. The adjoining Districts of South and South West have seen a rising trend in Covid positive cases. He suggested that a close watch was necessary for at least 15 days. He reminded that transmission of Covid positive cases has been happening in South East Asia, Australia, Bangladesh and some parts of Europe as well. He observed that despite the surge of cases, symptoms among the patients have been mild. As such at the stage, there was not much cause of concern. He recalled that transmission has increased in all islands countries and no country has been able to prevent the spread of the virus. Therefore, prevention measures may not be possible and only mitigation efforts have to be increased. Surveillance, screening and isolation should be the focus at this point of the time. Tests could be increased with targeted testing in the areas where incidence of transmission has been rising.

12. Representative Officer from ICMR stated that recent upsurge in case was normal and such an increase in cases was expected in the backdrop of relaxations of restrictions by the States. He noted that despite the rise in cases, number of hospitalizations and mortality has not increased much. Hence, there was no reason of any undue concern. He observed that there was no need to take any drastic measures at this stage. He observed that increase in cases could be managed and only a close watch was necessary. He however, emphasized that testing be carried out in all symptomatic cases.

13. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA also complimented the Chief Secretary, Delhi for his exemplary leadership during the last two years. He observed that at present situation was under control in Delhi but RT-PCR positivity rate was high. The difference between the positivity rate of RT-PCR and RAT tests was quite high. He advised greater communication on the kind of precaution needed to prevent further spread of infection. He emphasized that wearing of masks be promoted and public gatherings be discouraged and campaign for Vaccination of booster dose be launched.

14. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi thanked all experts for their advice that no drastic measures were needed in Delhi at this stage. He even referred to the example in the US, where masks were not necessary even in flights. Given the opinion of the experts, he suggested said that status-quo should be maintained in Delhi. He mentioned that in all only 95 cases have been reported amongst the school children and out of those only 03 were reported from the Government schools and other 92 were found to be among the children of private schools. All the children were fine and reported to be recovering well. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi suggested that H&FW, Department should push vaccination among the age group of 12-14 year school children.

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15. Shri Vijay Dev, Chief Secretary, Delhi informed the members of the DDMA and other participants that today was his last day as Chief Secretary, Delhi. He expressed his gratitude to all DDMA members, experts and other invitees/participants. He recalled that actions of DDMA created huge impact in the time of pandemic. There was real challenge and the pandemic tested the resilience and robustness of the DDMA. In the last two years, DDMA has been able to rise to the challenge of the pandemic and its prescribed template of scientific, clinical and administrative intervention model has proved to be immensely successful in keeping the city safe.

Based on the opinion of experts the Chief Secretary, Delhi summed up as under:

- (a) Since the number of cases and positivity rate has increased in Delhi in recent days, it was necessary to promote wearing of masks again. To promote wearing of masks, a penalty of Rs.500/- for not wearing the mask in public places to be introduced again. The H&FW, Department, GNCT of Delhi would issue the necessary order.
- (b) Covid Appropriate Behaviour by all to be emphasized again.
- (c) Testing to be enhanced and RT-PCR tests of all symptomatic cases to be carried out.
- (d) Vaccination amongst the school children and booster dose among the elderly population to be targeted.

16. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi thanked the Chief Secretary, Delhi for excellent handling of the Covid situation in the last two years. He anchored and ensured a well coordinated action by all Departments of Delhi Government. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi observed that despite the recent rise in cases, infections have been found to be of mild nature. Hence, there was no need for any panic reaction. He reminded that all experts have also endorsed this view. He however, observed that if any situation arise that require urgent action then all necessary steps would be taken in consultation with experts.

17. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi emphasized that keeping in view the present status of operationalisation of schools offline, in consultation with experts, standard operating procedures for prevention and management of Covid-19 should be laid down for schools and their strict enforcement by school management should be ensured. In the larger interest of students, in case of non-compliance or violation of SOPs, penalty as deemed appropriate should be imposed for creating a deterrent effect. Hon'ble LG emphasized that the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI on COVID Management from time to time should be strictly adhered to. All the agencies were advised to remain vigilant and to work in coordination to tackle the situation as it emerges.

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18. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi also congratulated Shri Vijay Kumar Dev for his leadership and guidance in dealing with the Covid situation in Delhi in the challenging times.

19. 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.
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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. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS.
20. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
21. Director, Education Department, GNCTD
22. Sr. System Analyst, Revenue Department, GNCTD for uploading the Minutes of Meeting on the DDMA website.

  
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