

## **Focus On 'Ruthless Containment' To Stop Spread of Covid-19 Infection Constitute More Team and Do Survey of Every House – Chief Minister**

Jaipur, April 12. Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has said that focus should be on 'Ruthless Containment' to stop spreading of Covid-19 infection. Curfew in areas identified as hotspots and lockdown in the vicinity of these areas should be strictly followed. Asking to follow the 'Bhilwara Model' he directed to survey every house by forming more teams so that corona infected people are identified on time and spreading of infection could be stopped.

Shri Gehlot was discussing with district collectors of various districts and senior officers involved in preventing spreading of corona infection through video conference on Sunday from his official residence. He took information about the tests being done every day in the districts having positive patients and about the availability of testing kits.

### **Take Proper Care Of People in Quarantine Centre**

Chief Minister directed to arrange maximum number of quarantine centres. He said quarantining of people in hospitals should be avoided because corona positive patients have to be kept in hospitals for treatment. He directed to take proper care of people kept in quarantine and provide them food on time. He said it is responsibility of the State Government to take care of people kept in quarantine.

### **Form Separate Teams and Give Them Tasks**

Shri Gehlot asked the Collectors to form separate teams and give them tasks. A team under the supervision of District Supply Officer should look after the arrangements of food, while a team led by the Medical Officer should look into screening in different areas. If any symptoms are found during screening, then that person should be tested. He said rapid test kits are expected soon, after which the testing capacity will increase and large number of people could be covered.

### **Lockdown and Curfew Should Be Strictly Followed**

Chief Minister said that special precautions should be taken in districts that are badly affected and directed to get the lockdown strictly followed in those areas. He said that in Bhilwara 25 corona positive people have recovered, but still around 6000 people are kept in home quarantine.

### **Ensure Survey of Every Home**

He said that collectors in those districts should take this pandemic seriously in wherever corona positive patient is found and should ensure that each and every house is surveyed. Family members, relatives and other people who have come in contact with positive patient should be quarantined and if required should be kept in isolation. He said it should be seen that no positive is left out by the health department. Family members of the person found corona positive should be persuaded that the only measure to stop this

pandemic is to stay in isolation. He asked the collectors to pay special attention towards the thickly populated areas.

Chief Secretary Shri DB Gupta said that one should strictly follow social distancing while distributing food and ration items to needy people. Clicking photographs and publicity while distributing ration items should be stopped.

Additional Chief Secretary Home Shri Rajeeva Swarup said the State Government's intention is to provide ration items to every needy during lockdown. In such situation it should be seen that ration kit reaches the genuine needy. He took information from the Collectors about the people deployed at the quarantine centers and about the facilities available there.

### **So Far More Than 25,000 People Have Been Tested**

Additional Chief Secretary Medical and Health Shri Rohit Kumar Singh said that more than 25,000 tests have been done in the State till Saturday evening and Rajasthan is on second place after Maharashtra in regard to corona testing. He said, "With increase in number of tests, the number positive patients could also increase and in such situation we have to be prepared in advance." He said information should be given in case of shortage of testing kits, medicines and equipment. Tertiary Care Centres should be kept reserved for patients in serious condition. He said that dedicated Covid Health Centres should be identified at the local level and preparations should be made to treat people found positive at these centres. Wherever the testing facility is not available, the samples should be sent to the nearest centre, he added.

Bhilwara Collector during the video conference said that infection has been controlled with the measures taken to stop community spread. Till now 25 positive patients have been tested negative, there is only one positive patient in the entire district. 10 samples of the people having flu like symptoms are being collected at each Community Health Centre (CHC) and dispensaries. Apart from this samples are being taken of the people who were having flu like symptoms during the survey. Monitoring is being done by dividing the total time in four phases, he said.

Tonk Collector informed that family members of the people found positive and relatives who came in contact with them have been isolated and kept in quarantine. Jodhpur Collector said that 7.97 lakh people in rural areas and 3.50 lakh people in urban areas in the district have been surveyed from March 24 to 27 and people with travel history have been put on home quarantine. He said that help of BLO was taken for the survey in rural areas. More than 4,000 people have been put on quarantine at the level of Gram Panchayat.

Kota Collector said that curfew has been imposed at two hotspots in Kota city. Relatives and neighbours of those people who were found positive have been kept in quarantine. Bikaner Collector informed that every day more than 100 samples were being taken. He said that 24 people were found positive from the house of the woman Noorjahan who died of Covid-19 and these people are

undergoing treatment. He said that people showing any symptoms during the screening are being tested.

Jhunjhunu Collector said survey of more than 1.23 lakh families has been done. He said total 31 people were found positive of which 11 people had returned from abroad. Collectors of Jaisalmer and Barmer in the video conference informed about the measures taken to stop infection.

Medical and Health Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma in the video conference took information about the measures being taken by the collectors of various districts to stop the spreading of infection and informed them about the facilities available on behalf of the department.

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