

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS COVID -19 PREPAREDNESS

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In pursuance to appeal made by Prime Minister of India regarding Social Distancing/Janata Curfew on [March 22](#), 2020 the Urban Development Department issued instructions such as to ensure that trade establishment , market street vendors, hawkers remained closed on [March 22](#),2020 from 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m., besides sufficient protection measures like face mask, hand washing facility sanitation services provided by Urban Local Bodies. The ULB were also directed to discuss with market association to adopt measures to avoid crowding and post [March 22](#), 2020 the markets except weekly markets would remain open.

The Urban Local Bodies were advised to ring a siren at 5.00 p.m, to pay gratitude to selfless services rendered by health care staff fighting the Covid-19 Pandemic. They were also directed to take care of sanitation services and to ensure sufficient protection measures like face mask, hand washing facility etc. Provided for sanitation workers during the extension of Janata curfew for another three days in the state of Goa.

Similarly, in view of lockdown imposed in the country for 21 days ULBs were given standard Infection Prevention control practices and additional advisory for safe disposal of waste from quarantined households. Since Municipal Worker Face potential occupational exposure to Covid -19 measures to be taken by Municipal workers was issued. Special cleaning of Public places like commercial areas, places of worship, popular tourist destination, parks etc through sweeping , bleaching, disinfection and complete sanitization before they are reopened for public.

Households where residents are quarantined ULBs asked to provide with specifically marked yellow/orange garbage bags and waste from such households to be treated as biomedical waste. Safe disposal of masks and other related waste from non quarantined household welfare of sanitary workers engaged in collection and transportation of Covid – 19 waste. To create awareness and for enforcement ULBs were asked to work closely with District Health Authorities wherein all frontline workers to be provided and briefed with Do's and Don'ts and to

disseminate relevant guidelines and awareness messages on Covid 19 for citizens.

The Urban Development identified Astha Mapusa based non government Organization for providing food packets to the urban homeless. Till date, 3800 food packets for urban homeless with the help of police department were provided. Approval was accorded to all ULBs towards engaging labour for desisting of Municipal drains gutters in respective jurisdiction to prevent flooding in approaching monsoon for which funds to the tune of Rs.1.43 crores has been sanctioned.

A Monitoring team has been formed to monitor execution of sanitization works till the expiry of lock down period besides 10% grade industrial grade sodium hypochlorite solution for use as disinfectant primarily to be used of quarantined household public toilets and high volume public places. Sprayers have been provided which are manual as well as automatic. Self help groups have been identified under NULM for stitching 2500 masks double folded with 100% cotton material meeting WHO standard for supplying sanitation workers and other municipal staff and yellow bags have been supplied for collection of waste from quarantined house as per guidelines.

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