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**Corona warriors, police and government-nominated employees along with health workers to get protection: state government will come out with an ordinance in this regard**

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**People should get essentials during lockdown**

**Cleanliness, food and security of quarantine centres has to be of paramount importance**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Ji has directed to ensure that the combined capacity of L-1, L-2 and L-3 dedicated Covid hospitals is increased to 52,000 beds. In the next fortnight, 25,000 additional beds should be arranged as Covid hospitals for which the Health and Medical Education departments will have to work on war-footing, he said.

Presently, the 17,000 beds are in the Covid Hospitals of Health department while 35,000 beds in Medical Education department hospitals.

Efforts should be made to create one lakh-bed capacity in the Covid hospitals in the next one month, the CM said while addressing the high-level lockdown review meeting in his office at Lok Bhawan on Wednesday.

Under this capacity building, the L-1 hospital of Health department will have 10,000 beds, L-2 hospitals will have 5000 beds with oxygen availability and L-3 hospital 2000 beds with ventilators, In the same manner, the L-1 hospital of Medical education department should have 20,000 beds, 10,000 beds with oxygen in L-2 hospitals and 5000 beds with ventilators in L-3 hospitals.

The Chief Minister made it clear that the preventive protocol should be followed in its entirety to prevent infection in Covid hospitals. The medical team will have to be protected from infection as they are an important tool in the fight against Corona. He said besides ensuring proper sanitation, the adequate number of PPE kits and N-95 masks should be made available in the Covid hospitals while the services of Ayush doctors and paramedics can also be considered after their proper training. He reiterated to ramp up testing facilities and said that the pool testing should be increased for this. The import of global technology should also be considered in order to ramp up testing capacity, he said.

The CM was of the firm view that the lockdown should be implemented strictly with maintaining social distancing and other measures while the stringent action should be taken against the violators. He said it has to be ensured that the people get all the essential good during lockdown and at the same time, action against black marketing, hoarding and other irregularities shall continue. He asked to rope in members of Mangal Dal, NCC, Nehru Yuva Kendra and NSS as youth volunteers for community surveillance works. Similarly, the women Self Help Groups should be connected with food preparations for quarantine Centres and shelter homes, he added. Besides this, the cleanliness, food and security of quarantine centres has to be of paramount importance and youth volunteers may be roped in for functioning of quarantine centres, shelter homes and community kitchens, the CM pointed out.

The CM told the meeting that the Centre has brought an ordinance for amendment in Epidemic Act-1987 for rigorous punishment to those who attack health workers engaged in Covid-19 prevention. It will ensure effective action against those who attack health workers as well as it will increase the morale of the health staff, he said.

The Chief Minister chose the occasion to inform that the State Government will also come out with an ordinance to include corona warriors, police and government-nominated employees along with health workers to get protection under the provision of the act. He lauded the efforts of State Road Transport for taking the students from Kota to their respective homes in the state. He said that there have been a lot of success stories in various districts during the on-going fight against Covid-19 which should be publicised.

The CM also took stock of the work being done by nodal officers asking them to be available on phone to listen to the problems of natives of UP stuck in other states. He directed the officials to ensure that the migrant labourers who are going to home quarantine after completing institutional quarantine get food grain kit. He also asked to prepare an action plan for creating employment opportunity to migrant labourers and link them with MNREGS, ODOP, Vishwakarma Samman Scheme and women SHGs. Also, the sustenance allowance should be made available to the beneficiaries.

He said that the resolve is to turn red zone into orange zone and then into green zone. He said that the Industrial Development Department should make an action plan to resume industrial activities in orange and green zone. He also directed to make action plan for amendment in sectoral policies in view of Covid-19 situation. The CM also expected officials to ensure sanitation in construction units and the proper fooding and lodging for labourers in the units.

Those present in the meeting included the Medical Education Minister Shri Suresh Khanna, Health Minister Shri Jai Pratap Singh, Chief Secretary Shri R.K. Tiwari, Agriculture Production Commissioner Shri Alok Sinha, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner Shri Alok Tandon, Additional Chief Secretary Home and Information Shri Awanish Kumar Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary Revenue Ms. Renuka Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary Finance Shri Sanjeev Mittal, Director General of Police Shri H.C. Awasthi, Principal Secretary Medical Education Dr. Rajneesh Dube, Principal Secretary Health Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, Principal Secretary MSME Shri Navneet Sehgal, Principal Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Ms. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Principal Secretary Agriculture Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Principal Secretary Animal Husbandary Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Principal Secretary to CM Shri S.P. Goyal and Shri Sanjay Prasad, Secretary to CM Shri Alok Kumar, Director Information Shri Shishir and other senior officers.

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