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Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for safety and protection of sanitation workers engaged by ULBs for Solid Waste Management

As per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, each Urban Local Body (ULB) is enshrined the responsibility to make door to door collection of segregated solid waste from each waste generators. In addition to it, sweeping of residential areas once & twice in a day respectively is also mandatory. Also under Disaster Management Act, 2005, it is the primary Emergent Function of each ULB to sanitize the public places as well as maintain sanitation and cleanliness in the ULB. The recent surge in COVID-19 cases in the State, makes the Sanitation Workers more vulnerable to the risk of COVID-19 infection. Hence, in order to ensure the safety and protection of sanitation workers, following guidelines is reiterated for compliance by the Commissioners, Executive Officers & Secretaries in their respective ULBs.

For collection of door to door to garbage from the waste generators, it shall be ensured that the Sanitation workers will be divided into two groups: one group for collection of garbage from the COVID-19 houses/institutions and other from the remaining non-COVID households & other waste generators.

(A) For sanitation workers deployed for collection of solid waste from containment zone/houses/institution having COVID-19 patients:-

- (1) All front line sanitation workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) such as Single piece whole body coverall with face mask, face shield, gloves, boots with distinct coloured bags/bins for collection of solid waste.
- (2) No sanitation worker will collect garbage without proper PPEs as mentioned above.
- (3) There will be a separate vehicle for collection/transportation of garbage from containment zone/houses/institution having COVID-19 patients. The garbage bags/bins containing garbage must be sanitized with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution before collection and loading the same into garbage vehicle and thereafter the vehicle shall also be properly sanitized.
- (4) These sanitation workers will be young in age, not more than 40 years old so that they should have good internal resistance power i.e <https://covid.hp.gov.in>

(5) The COVID-19 waste shall be disposed of as per the guidelines dated 21.07.2020 issued by the Central Pollution Control Board and already circulated by this office (enclosed at Annexure "A").

(6) All sanitation workers shall be tested for COVID-19 after a period of 10 days and those found positive shall be isolated separately for treatment and will be paid full wages alongwith adequate ration for their families.

(B) For sanitation workers deployed for collection of solid waste from non containment zone and houses/institution having no COVID-19 patients:-

(1) The sanitation workers who are deployed for collection of wastes from non containment zone and houses/institution having no COVID-19 patients shall also be provided with proper PPEs such as coverall with face mask, gloves, boots for collection of solid waste.

(2) They will be test checked at the rate 10% every 10 days and those found tested positive shall be isolated for treatment as mentioned at point number A-6 and will also be paid full wages alongwith adequate ration for their families

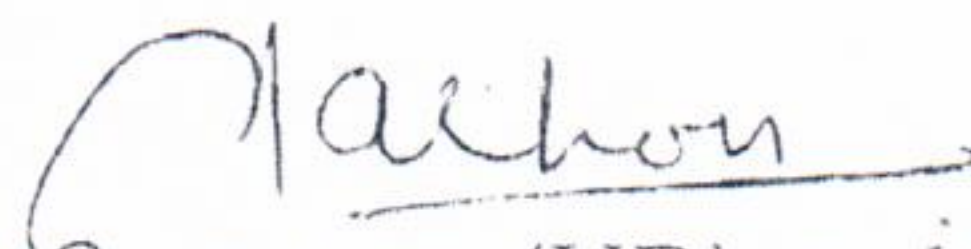
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Endst. As Above

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