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Press Note:

State Govt implementing lock down effectively: AP Governor tells the President in video conference

Vijayawada, April 03: Hon. Governor Sri Biswa Busan Harichandan said Andhra Pradesh govt is taking necessary precautions to prevent spread of corona virus. Speaking during the Video conference held by the President Sri Ram Nath Kovind on Friday, the Governor said officials of front-line departments are acting in coordination. He said the govt has made necessary arrangements to supply essential commodities to poor during the ongoing lock down period. Vice President Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu also participated in the video conference and addressed the Governors and Lt.Governors on the measures to be taken to prevent spread of corona virus. Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan while giving details of the situation in the state, said that the state govt has taken steps to reduce the relaxation time to avoid mass gathering and effectively implementing the lock down. He said the number of corona positive cases increased in the past three days raising the total of corona positive cases to 161 out of which 140 cases are from those who attended religious meet at Delhi. The persons who came in contact with them were also identified and sent to isolation centres and house quarantine as required, said the Governor.

Vice-President Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu particularly enquired about the status of agricultural sector in the present lock down period and corona crisis and

steps taken to mitigate the problems faced by farmers. He enquired about the measures taken by the state govt to purchase paddy from farmers during present paddy season. The Vice President said that as AP is the hub of several commercial crops, the state govt should ensure that the farmers do not face any problems in selling or transporting their agricultural produce. Giving details about the agricultural sector and farmers, the Governor said that farmers were exempted from lock down so that agricultural operations could continue by maintaining physical distance.

The video conference of the President and Vice-president continued for three hours during which the President and the Vice-President interacted with all the Governors and Lt.Governors and enquired about the situation in their respective states.

Secretary to Governor Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena was also present during the video conference.