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Press Note:

Provide online information system of beds in hospitals – AP Governor tells officials

- Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan held review meeting with officials on Covid-19 through video conference

Vijayawada, July 21: Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan held a review meeting on the status of Covid-19 situation in the State with Chief Secretary Smt. Nilam Sawhney, Spl. Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Sri K.S. Jawahar Reddy and other officials through video conference from Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. Speaking to the officials, the Governor advised them to provide an online information system that provides data on availability of beds in various Covid-19 designated hospitals, to needy persons.

Governor Sri Harichandan appreciated the untiring efforts of doctors, para-medical staff, sanitation workers and other frontline warriors in the treatment of Covid-19 patients.

Governor Sri Harichandan expressed concern over the steep hike in number of Covid-19 positive cases at an alarming rate 12 to 13 percent, after the unlock period and made a particular mention of the top five districts where more number of Covid-19 positive cases are being reported and enquired about the steps being taken to contain the spread of the virus in these five districts. Governor Sri Harichandan appreciated the efforts of the administration for conducting more number of tests per million population by ramping up test facilities through mobile testing vans.

Chief Secretary, Smt. Nilam Sawhney said the reason for the surge in number of Covid-19 positive cases is due to movement of people from neighbouring States after the unlock was announced and said it is expected to come down by end of July. Sri K.S. Jawahar Reddy, Spl. Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare said all efforts are being made to bring down the number of positive cases to 5 percent and in any case not exceeding 10 percent and mortality rate to less than 1 percent. He said to ensure this the state government has put in place the process of testing, tracing, tracking, isolation and treatment on a large scale. Sri Jawahar Reddy said the functioning of the testing labs is being streamlined to ensure that the result is given out within 24 hours. He said people can make a call to 104 Call centre and ask for undergoing test and also seek admission of Covid-19 positive patients. He said the state government is procuring 3.25 lakh rapid antigen test kits which can give out result within 15-20 minutes and testing will also be ramped up to 35000-40000 per day. Sri Jawahar Reddy said the government has now made it compulsory for everyone to wear a mask in public. He said the government has appointed 2700 doctors and para-medical staff by holding a special Covid-19 recruitment drive.

Chief Secretary Smt. Nilam Sawhney said sufficient number of beds are available to cope up with the rise in number of positive cases and expressed the hope that after two weeks, the State will see a decline in the number of Covid-19 positive cases.

Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor, Sri K. Bhaskar, Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare and other officials of the government have also participated in the video conference.