

# FAQ regarding Environmental Sanitation, Wastes Management and Infection Prevention and Control for COVID Cases in densely populated urban settlements

## 1. Collection, transportation, disposal and treatment of BioMedical Wastes

- 1.1. Is there a SOP for biomedical waste collection, transportation and treatment, covering minute details such as max waste weight that can be filled in the bag, spraying techniques etc?**

How to dispose mask at community level

- 1.2. How to dispose PPE after exposure to COVID BioMedical Waste?**
- 1.3. What is the procedure for disposing collected COVID waste, and conditions whether to send for Incineration in Biomedical plant or to be deep buried as suggested by MPCB?**
- 1.4. The rates for disposal of Biomedical waste through agencies is very high and may not be affordable to small councils. Are there any ULB level Incineration solutions that are cost effective?**

## 2. Management of Containment Zones & COVID patients

- 2.1. What type of protective gears needs to be given to the worker who collects waste from the patient's house or a sealed / quarantined building?**

## 3. Guidelines for funeral / burial of COVID patients

- 3.1. What is the method of Disinfection of Ambulance transporting dead bodies?**
- 3.2. Is there a SOP for cremation/burial of COVID patients?**
- 3.3. What care needs to be taken while cremating/ burying a dead body of a corona patient?**

## 4. Waste Management

- 4.1. What is the certified price of equipment for waste management and their specifications?**
- 4.2. What are the standard rates of Biomedical waste disposal agencies?**
- 4.3. Are PPE and other equipment's required to manage BioMedical COVID Waste available on GeM or any other platform?**

## 5. SoP for cleaning of toilets

## 6. SoP for Fecal sludge and black water management

## 7. Welfare of Safai Karmacharis and toilet operators

**7.1. What can be done to provide psychological support for frontline staff and service providers?**

**7.2. Staff worry about insurance coverage. Are there any standard insurance procedures or providers?**

**7.3. How to boost Confidence and extend moral support to Safai Karmachari's, toilet cleaners, sewage collectors?**

## 8. Using of Community Toilets and water points

- Maintaining physical distancing while using community toilet
- Use of hand and respiratory hygiene equipment and provisions for peddle operated non touch hand washing stations
- Physical distancing during taking water from tankers and community water points

## 9. FAQ for disinfection of body, surface

- MoHFW Advisory against spraying of hypochlorite solution on humans
- This solution being oxidizing agent it causes skin irritations, rashes and can potentially be health hazard at higher concentrations and it also corrode the tunnels
- **Sodium Hypochlorite globally used to sanitize fomites in tunnels only not a person carrying any virus inside the body.**
- Mist spray of Disinfectants like BAC at given concentration and dose exposure at mass entrance points should prove effective disinfectant
- **All these, should not be treated as relaxation from Hand washing and social distancing as far as prevention of CoVID 19 is concerned.**
- **Further this will be giving impression of false protection**