

Meeting of High Level Task Team with SPCBs/PCCs and State Health, UD and Environment Departments to Review Status of COVID-19 Waste Management by States/UTs



**Video Conference on nicwebvc.nic.in
26/05/2020 (11:30am and 03:30pm)
CPCB, Delhi**

Guidelines for Management of COVID-19 Related Waste

- CPCB issued Guidelines on 19/03/2020. Later first and second revisions done on 25.03.2020 and 18.04.2020 respectively.

Scope of Guidelines

- Handling of biomedical waste generated from;
 - Hospitals / Isolation wards treating COVID-19 patients
 - Quarantine Camps/Homes
 - Sample Collection Centers
 - Laboratories
- Responsibilities of persons operating Quarantine Camps/Home-care;
- Duties of Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF);
- Duties of SPCBs/PCCs;
- Responsibilities of Urban Local Bodies and options for management of general solid waste and biomedical waste from quarantine Camps / Quarantine Homes / Home-care

Responsibilities of various Stakeholders

- **CPCB**
 - To issue guidelines;
 - Monitor and report status of compliance;
- **SPCBs/PCCs;**
 - Ensure disposal of COVID-19 biomedical waste in the State as per BMWM Rules, 2016;
 - Use Tracking App to report status of management of COVID-19 biomedical waste;
 - Coordinate and follow-up with State Government Departments;
- **Departments of UD and Health**
 - Create awareness about precautions to be taken by waste handlers/ workers / operators as well as citizens;
 - Provide orientation/training to waste handlers;
 - Ensure adequate protective gear to waste handlers.
 - Ensure regular collection of solid waste and biomedical waste from Quarantine camps / Quarantine homes / Homecare / Isolation wards.

Action taken by CPCB

- Prepared Guidelines for Handling, Treatment, and Disposal of Waste Generated from Treatment /Diagnosis/Quarantine of COVID-19 patients.
- Held review meeting with SPCBs/PCCs on 30/04/2020 for evolving strategies for compliance;
- Developed Tracking App (Mobile and Desktop) for tracking of COVID related biomedical waste ;
- Given demonstration to SPCBs on Tracking App on 06/05/2020;
- Held consultations with subject experts for revision of guidelines.
- Disseminated Information through CPCB website and Social Media Platforms.
- Developed Pictorial guidelines. Assisted other organizations to develop media content for awareness.
- Compiling daily status reports submitted by SPCBs (Tracking App / E-Mail)

Status of Management of COVID-19 related BMW

(as on 25/05/2020)

- No of CBWTFs receiving COVID-19 BMW – About 180
- Approximate Quantity received per day – 42 tons/day
- States initiated using Tracking App - TN, Punjab, Odisha, Haryana, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, UP, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra

Action Points for States /UTs

- Ensure proper segregation of solid waste and biomedical waste;
- Ensure daily lifting of solid waste from hospitals treating COVID-19 patients;
- Usage of CPCB's COVID-19 BM Waste Tracking App;
- Monitor and ensure scientific management of deep burial pits;
- Compliance to CPCB Guidelines;
- Provision of PPEs to waste handlers;
- Provide awareness and training to waste handlers on safety aspects and use of PPEs;
- Submission of compliance report as on 31/05/2020 to CPCB by 04/06/2020 (NGT Matter OA No 72 of 2020)

Thank You