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Hon'ble Vice -Chairman DJB Shri Raghav Chadha chaired a meeting today i.e 25-03-2020 to review the present water supply services and preparedness to maintain uninterrupted water supply and unhindered sewage services in NCT of Delhi in coming days in view of complete lockdown. The meeting was attended by all senior officers and officials of the Board.

In the meeting chaired by Vice Chariman, the Delhi Jal Board, an essential service provider has taken following decisions to ensure uninterrupted water and wastewater services in entire Delhi alongwith adoption of strict social distancing measures:

1. The stock position and availability of chemicals and other items used in treatment of water was reviewed and directions were given to the officials to ensure that supply chain of such essential chemicals and other items which are required to maintain the supply of clean drinking water remains uninterrupted.
2. Water distribution through water tankers was reviewed and necessary instructions were given with regard to coordination with local police officials for unhindered movement of tankers and instructions with regard to social distancing while supplying the water through tankers.
3. Concerned senior DJB officers were directed to take the local administration of Police and Magistrates in confidence in the event any problem is faced in movement of water tankers.
4. Availability of staff/ human resources (fitters, beldars etc.) on the ground to provide best possible service level has to be ensured. It was noted in the meeting that there is an issue of outstationed employees that are unable to report due to non-availability of inter state conveyance and inter-state travel restrictions. Senior DJB officials were directed to coordinate with local police

and DMs/SDMs in the neighbouring satellite towns to facilitate the travel of such employees who come from outside Delhi.

5. Maintenance and service level quality to be ensured during the lockdown period.

6. All workshops involved in providing necessary equipment and stocks for repair, maintenance necessary for the functioning of the treatment plants and DJB network lines were asked to make appropriate provisions so that supply chain is not distributed.

7. Delegation of emergency powers (financial and administrative) to field officials was done for immediate and swift disposal of work and greviances.

8. Decision regarding quick release of payment to vendors who are involved in day to day operations and maintenance of plants and Delhi Jal Board network is taken so that they do not face any financial crunch and their service quality remains unaffected.

9. Engineering divisions were directed to ensure adequate water supply using tankers at night shelters set-up by the Govt., where the food is being provided to the poor and destitute.
