

Minutes of the first meeting of the Covid LSGD war room pertaining to the deployment of nodal officers and other concerned issues presided over by the Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD held online on 06.05.2021, 4:00 pm.

HODs, Covid war room members, Mission Heads and senior field officers of LSGD participated in the meeting.

The DDPs of various districts have updated the deployment status of nodal officers. Some of the officers raised various concerns regarding the deployment and functioning of nodal officers.

The following are the decisions taken:

1. Three districts, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Malappuram were identified to have some LSGs with no nodal officers appointed. Therefore, they were asked to report hundred percent deployment of nodal officers in the meeting to be held tomorrow.
2. No personnel from urban local bodies were to be deployed as nodal officers. In case of any shortfall, Kudumbasree ADMC could be deployed for the purpose to ULBs.
3. In case city mission managers are deployed to different places, they are to be brought back to the same LSGs, to ensure efficiency.
4. An assessment of ward level samithis was identified as an important action point. However at this juncture, nodal officers would need to report on whether the ward level committees were functional or not – yes or no.
5. A whatsapp group for each district was to be created by each State war room officer in charge of the district (2 district groups per officer) have to be created. The first thing to ascertain from these groups was status of deployment in the LSGs. The second was to find out what assignment or responsibility they had been given. These are to be reported in the next war room bulletin/meeting.

6. Using the whatsapp group, identify those nodal officers who haven't been vaccinated yet. In each of these cases, the war room may talk to the concerned secretary to ensure that they are given appropriate workloads.
7. The war room will analyse the information on the CFLTCs/DCC etc and report the number of panchayats and ULBs with DCCs in every district. Also the number of CFLTCs and CSLTCs per district. This information has to be reported before tomorrow's bulletin.
8. Exempt pregnant women and lactating mothers from the war room duty. They need to be substituted with other officers.
9. Kudumbashree is advised to do a quick stocktaking and get themselves ready for food supply through the janakeeya hotels or food counters depending on local need in the wake of the impending lockdown. CDS of every LSG to be alerted. Unlike the previous times, arrangements should be made for door delivery of food rather than facilitating public dining through Community Kitchen.
10. Identify RRTs and new volunteers who did not get even the first dose of vaccination. LSGD must request Health Department to include them among frontline workers with top priority for vaccination so that we could strengthen the community surveillance. (Action SS DC LSGD)
11. It must be requested that elected representatives from all the local self government institutions should also be included in the top priority list for vaccination as frontline worker.
12. It has been decided to allow only 5 workers for each worksite under MGNREGS scheme at this point.

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