

Govt fast tracks setting up of new COVID Care Centers by Corporates

CS holds deliberations with industry honchos, assures all help

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IN another step forward for providing care to the personnel in industrial sector, the State Government on Thursday expedited the steps for creation of new Covid Care Centers by the industrial and corporate houses in their own facilities.

Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy along with Principal Secretary Industry Hemant Sharma held discussions with the Chairmen and Chief Executives of the industrial houses in this regard through videoconferencing here.

The Chief Secretary said that the State Government has created a large number of units under three-tier Covid Care system-- Covid Care Centers (CCCs), Covid Health Centers (CHCs) and



Specialized Covid Hospitals.

Asymptomatic or mild-symptomatic corona positive persons are taken care in CCCs while other patients are admitted to CHCs and Covid hospitals depending on the degree of infection and the kind of care they need as per guidelines of ICMR and Health & Family Welfare Department, he said.

"More than 80 per cent of the cases need only management in CCCs," he informed the corporate bosses.

"Taking away the asymptomatic or mild-symptomatic persons from their home and social setting to isolation by detaching them from all social contacts is not good for their physical and mental wellbeing," he said adding, "At times, it becomes a traumatic shock to them. Considering this, Government have decided to allow home isolation or institutional isolation in their own social setting".

The industry leaders assured the State Government to join in

the fight against the deadly virus and set up CCCs in their facilities for their own employees and their family members.

They mentioned that their employees were happy about such decisions of Government.

Around 40 leaders including MCL, NALCO, OCL, Paradeep Refinery, NTPC, RSP, IOCL, HAL, STPI, NCL, IDCO, IPI-COL, OSRTC, OPTCL, Tata Power, NESCO, SOUTHCO, WESCO, GRIDCO, OHPC, OMC, IDICOL, OTDC, OSBC,

OSIC, OSFC, Tata Steel, JSW, IMFA, GRASSIM, EMAMI, DAMLIA Cement, HINDALCO, Laxmi Cement, ACC Cement, Vedanta Ltd, JK Paper, JSPL, JSL participated in the discussions.

Sharma urged them to come up with the CCCs within a week while the Chief Secretary assured providing all technical guidance, training facilities and critical medicines.

To save time and to make the process hassle free, they were advised to coordinate with the Collectors and Municipal Commissioners of the respective areas where they create these facilities.

MD IPICOI Sachin Ramchandra Yadab and Joint Secretary Industries Subhendra Kumar Nayak, designated as Nodal Officer for the purpose, participated in the deliberations.