

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

No. CEO-CHB/2021/PA/Camp Office/

Dated: 23.05.2021

ORDER

Subject: Complaints of overcharging for Oxygen Cylinder refilling


The Chandigarh Administration, vide order no. EO-61871/F-4369/FII-(6)/2021/4640 dated 27.04.2021, has appointed the undersigned as the Nodal Officer for managing medical oxygen supply in UT, Chandigarh.

2. Further the Chandigarh Administration vide order no. PS/AA/562 dated 06.05.2021 had assigned the charge to Shri Jagjit Singh, PCS for coordinating with all private hospitals located in Chandigarh regarding their availability of beds and supply of medical oxygen.

3. During a meeting on 22.05.2021 with Private Hospitals and Private Refilling Vendors which was chaired by Shri Jagjit Singh, PCS, four Private Hospitals levelled allegations of overcharging against one of the Private Refilling Vendor. Though the re-filling charges for 'D' Type Cylinders were fixed as Rs. 295/- plus 12%v GST but they were forced to pay between Rs. 600/- to Rs. 800/- by that Private Vendor. Since a quota and Refilling Vendor was fixed by the Administration, they had to pay the demanded extra money to the vendor. Oxygen is the precious life-saving commodity especially during the ongoing COVID pandemic and any attempt to overcharging need to be dealt with strict action. If the allegations are correct, then it is a clear case of extortion and the Private Vendor will face exemplary action in next few days. Shri Jagjit Singh, PCS is conducting an inquiry into the allegations of overcharging made by the four Private Hospitals.

4. To examine the further, all the three Private Refilling Vendors (M/s AGPL, M/s Chandigarh Gases and M/s Super Agencies) are hereby directed to provide the following data for the period (01.05.2021 to 22.05.2021) by the evening of tomorrow (24.05.2021) positively:

Date	Name of the Hospital/COVID Centre/Others	'D' Type Cylinders		'B' Type Cylinders	
		Number of Cylinders	Rate Charged	Number of Cylinders	Rate Charged


(Yashpal Garg, IAS) 2021

CEO, Chandigarh Housing Board
**Nodal Officer for Oxygen Supplies in UT
Chandigarh**

Copy to:

1. Sh. Jagjit Singh, PCS, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh.
2. Shri Rajiv Singla, Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Housing Board
3. All the three Private Refilling Vendors through the WhatsApp group