

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

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PRESS RELEASE

(Oxygen Quota of Private Hospitals increased)

The Government of India has fixed the daily quota of 20 MT of medical oxygen for UT, Chandigarh from M/s INOX Barotiwala. This medical oxygen is being utilized for GMCH-32, GMSH-16 and the COVID Hospital at Sector-48, Chandigarh. Private Health Care Institutions are also being catered from this Quota of oxygen. Additionally, three Oxygen generation plants have been commissioned recently in these hospitals.

2. The Private Health Care Institutions in the Chandigarh also require medical oxygen and they are mostly dependent upon medical oxygen in cylinders. The oxygen cylinders are used by the Government Hospitals also in ambulances and during shifting the patients from one ward to other.

3. Considering increase in number of beds in the COVID Wards & ICU and influx of more patients, the consumption of oxygen has suddenly increased. To ensure smooth supply of oxygen to all the Health Care Institutions in Chandigarh, the Administration has taken following steps in last few days:

- i. Officers have been stationed at the INOX Plant at Barotiwala, Baddi in Himachal Pradesh.
- ii. Police Escort has been provided to the Oxygen Tankers from INOX Plant to Chandigarh to reduce the travel time and avoid any untoward incident
- iii. Three Private Refilling Vendors have been authorized for re-filling medical oxygen from the quota of UT Chandigarh.
- iv. The rate for re-filling of Oxygen Cylinders has been fixed at par with the approved rate of GMCH-32
- v. Officers have been stationed at the premises of the Private Refilling Vendors to ensure that oxygen cylinders are being issued in regulated manner and there is no diversion from the UT Quota.
- vi. Round the clock police security has been provided at one of the Oxygen generation plant in Industrial Area, Chandigarh.
- vii. A senior PCS officer has been deputed to see supply of oxygen to private hospitals and daily Quota has been fixed for each of the Private Hospitals in Chandigarh.
- viii. Enquiry/Audit of some of the Private Hospitals is going on about the procurement of oxygen cylinders for the period 01.04.2021 to 10.05.2021.
- ix. Each of the private hospital has been attached with either of the Private Vendor to avoid confusion and regulate the actual supply in better way.
- x. The voluntary organizations who has come forward to set-up Mini-COVID Centers have been requested to have own arrangements of oxygen through concentrators.
- xi. Online E-Permit facility for oxygen cylinders has been provided to those patients who have been prescribed oxygen by the doctors at their homes.

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- xii. Back-up plans have been prepared to ensure un-interrupted oxygen to the patients in case of any delay arrival of Liquid Oxygen Tanker
- xiii. There is co-ordination in Try-City to help each other with liquid oxygen on loan basis in case of any crisis. About one week before, there was some crisis in Panchkula which was taken care by UT Chandigarh by providing 03MT Oxygen on loan basis. The same quantity was returned by the Panchkula on very next day.

4. A team of senior doctors from GMCH-32 and GMSH-16 have visited Private hospitals and Government Hospitals. The purpose of the visit was to educate and sensitize them for optimum utilization of oxygen, which is a precious commodity. A considerable amount of oxygen has been saved by ensuring following:

- i. There is no leakage in the oxygen pipelines and outlets.
- ii. Oxygen valves are not left open sometimes
- iii. Oxygen masks are fitted property over the face of the patients.
- iv. The guidelines to maintain the saturation at 94 instead of 100 are followed.
- v. Flow of oxygen is correct as per the requirement of the patients.

5. The above series of efforts have resulted smooth supply of oxygen in the City. The consumption by some of hospitals has considerably reduced may be because of efforts of optimum utilization and conservation by check of wastage. Considering availability of sufficient oxygen, the quota of oxygen cylinders fixed for Private Hospital has been increased. **Copy of the order for revised quota is enclosed.**



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