

Press Release

Dear Monitoring Officers/ Senior officers/Collectors/ Local Body Officers/Police, Fire Service, CMWSSB, TANGEDCO and other officers,

I appreciate the commendable work being done by you and your team in these testing times. I would like to reiterate the following points:

1. Cleaning of the roads/streets and open spaces should be done on war footing in the affected areas as well as in the rest of the city. After cleaning, bleaching powder should be sprayed.

2. Fogging and other vector control measures should also be taken.

3. List out each and every street still having inundation and chalk out the plan to drain the water. By today evening we should clear all the streets and restore normalcy.

4. Identify the locations/streets without power supply in coordination with GCC and TANGEDCO and ensure that power supply is restored in the remaining pockets.

5. Garden waste and remnants of fallen trees shall be cleared.

6. Also monitor and coordinate the activities of Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board relating to water supply and used water management. Take stock of the functioning of Water Distribution Stations and Sewage pumping stations. The Jet rodding machines super suckers and sewerage tankers available with Metro water as well as mobilised from other sources shall be deployed in the affected areas.

7. Relief material received from other districts should be distributed in a systematic and transparent manner to the people in affected areas.

8. Take stock of the milk supply and availability of other essential commodities.

Please ensure that no trader charges over MRP. Please take strict action against the traders found charging more than MRP.

9. Horticulture and cooperative department have opened 150 mobile vegetable shops. They will also be selling milk along along with vegetables. Please ensure that these are deployed in needy affected areas.

10. Health camps are being organised in the affected areas. Please monitor the health camps.

11. School and Colleges will open on Monday. Therefore, please ensure that there is no water stagnation in schools and colleges. Fallen trees and tree branches shall also be cleared from campuses.

12. Please ensure that all public toilets and community toilets function properly.

13. Ensure the functioning of streetlights.

14. We are working to mitigate the hardships/ sufferings of the affected people. Therefore, please motivate the officials and workers and advise them to be polite and courteous and avoid argument/confrontation. We appreciate that our officials and workers have been working day and night inspite of they themselves being affected by the floods.

15. The activities and efforts of the administration should be visible. Therefore adequate awareness should be created about the rescue, relief and restoration activities.

We have reached near normal, let's achieve the total normalcy.

Wishing you all the very best.

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Chief Secretary

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