



TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

From
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Chairman,
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board,
76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai – 600032.

To
All the District Collectors

Lr.No.T4/TNPCB/F.007641/BMWM/2020-4 Dated: 13.04.2020

Sir,

Sub: TNPCB-BMWM – CPCB Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/ Diagnosis/ Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients – Duties of Urban Local Bodies - To issue necessary instructions to the local bodies - Regarding.

Ref: 1. CPCB Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/ Diagnosis/ Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients dated 25.03.2020 (copy enclosed)
2. Bd's Lr.No.T4/TNPCB/F.007641/BMWM/2020 Dated: 26.03.2020 addressed to GCC, CMA & DTP
3. JCEE's Lr.No.F.LDP/BMW/JCEE(M)/TNPCB/CHN.ZONE/2020, Dt:12.04.2020

I invite kind attention to the reference first cited, wherein CPCB has issued Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/ Diagnosis/ Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients and has prescribed the responsibilities for the Health care facilities having isolation wards for COVID – 19 patients, sample collection centres and laboratories for COVID – 19 suspected patients, Quarantine camps/ Homes or Home Care Facilities, Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities, SPCBs and Urban Local Bodies.

In this regard, the Greater Chennai Corporation, Commissioner of Municipal Administration and Director of Town Panchayats have been addressed vide Board's letter dated 26.03.2020 in the reference second cited, to issue necessary instructions to the urban local bodies to strictly comply with the Guidelines issued by CPCB and to ensure safe handling and disposal of biomedical waste generated during the treatment and general solid waste collected from quarantine homes or home care.

As per the Guidelines, the urban local bodies shall envisage the following options to facilitate safe collection and disposal of biomedical waste from quarantined homes/Home care;

- Engage authorized waste collectors for door steps collection of biomedical waste and transfer to collection points for further pick-up by CBWTF; and/or
- In case number of quarantined homes/Home-care units are less, ULBs may engage services of CBWTFs to collect the waste directly from door-steps.

However, it has been brought to the notice of the Board that, the household (domestic) biomedical wastes such as Masks, Gloves, etc., collected by the local bodies have not been disposed through the Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities.

Hence, it is requested that necessary instructions may be issued to the urban local bodies to collect the domestic biomedical wastes such as the Masks, Gloves, etc., and to keep the same at designated places in safe custody and to inform the concerned Common Biomedical Waste Disposal Facility operator for proper collection, treatment (Incineration) and disposal. The contact details of the CBMWTFs with coverage area are enclosed herewith for information.

The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

Encl: as above

**Sd/-
CHAIRMAN
TNPCC**

Copy to

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration & Water Supply Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai.
2. All the CBMWTFs – for information and for necessary
follow up with the local bodies