Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur held video conferencing with the Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and Chief Medical Officers of the State from Shimla today to take stock of the situation arisen due to outbreak of Corona epidemic in the country as well as the State.

Jai Ram Thakur stressed the need for tracking and tracing out of such persons in the State who have symptoms of coronavirus particularly those who have any connection with Nizamuddin Tablighi Jamaat of Delhi besides their close contacts, due to which figure of coronavirus was increasing day by day sharply in the country as well as in the State.

Chief Minister stressed the need of maintaining adequate stock of essential commodities in open markets to facilitate the people. He said that efforts should also be made to ensure buffer stock in Civil Supplies Corporation’s depots. He said that special thrust should be laid on checking, hoarding and profiteering and strict action must be taken against the violators. He directed the officers that trucks carrying essential commodities and other materials from other States should also be sanitized at the borders of the State besides drivers and conductors.

Jai Ram Thakur directed the officers that appropriate steps should be taken to facilitate the farmers during curfew as their crops were on harvesting stage. He said that farmers should be sensitized regarding social distancing during the crop harvesting season. He also asked the Horticulture Department to ensure door to door or atleast village wise supply of fertilizers, pesticides and other plant protection material to the horticulturists.

Chief Minister said that under the Active Case Finding Campaign (ACFC) launched throughout the State, health information of over 50 lakh persons were collected by the health workers during door to door campaign, till today. He directed the officers that it must be ensured that ACFC teams were provided safety equipments, masks and gloves so that they could perform their duties efficiently and without any fear. He also stressed that safety equipments should also be provided to police personnel and other officials engaged on duty in the wake of coronavirus pandemic.

Jai Ram Thakur said that as many as 4855 persons had been kept under surveillance for coronavirus in the State so far, out of which 2387 persons have completed 28 days of surveillance period. He said that investigations of 128 persons for COVID-19 had been done in the State today out of which 102 samples have been found negative and report of 26 samples were still awaited.

Additional Chief Secretary Health R.D. Dhiman said that 662 persons had so far been investigated in the State for coronavirus. He said that reports of 609 persons had been found negative and presently reports of 27 people had been found positive, out of which two persons have been discharged after being treated in hospital.
found negative. In addition to this, four persons have gone for treatment outside the State and one person has died. He said that remaining 20 persons were under treatment in the hospitals of the State.

Chief Secretary Anil Khachi, Director General of Police S.R. Mardi, Additional Chief Secretary Home Manoj Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary Health R.D. Dhiman, Principal Secretary Onkar Sharma and Principal Secretary to CM Sanjay Kundu, Secretary Rajneesh and Director Information and Public Relations Harbans Singh Brascon also attended the meeting.