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- The Chief Secretary said this while presiding over a meeting of Deputy Commissioners of the state during the Crisis Coordination Committee through video conferencing today. She held discussions with the nodal officers regarding medical preparedness regarding COVID-19 at the meeting.

- Keeping in mind the safety of health workers she directed the concerned officers to ensure that there are sufficient PPE kits for them and for that local factories must get their PPE kits certified from SITRA for quality. Apart from this, she directed that manufacturers of ventilators and ventilator parts be encouraged to begin manufacturing. She also said that the number of mobile OPDs should also be increased.

- The Chief Secretary directed the officers to ensure that crowds should not gather at the procurement centres and for this a detailed strategy should be put in place and that the guidelines should be followed strictly. She directed the Deputy Commissioners to personally inspect the procurement centres to ensure that all the arrangements are in place. She also said that it should be ensured that the movement of combines and harvesters should not be restricted so that the harvesting is not hindered.

- Keeping in mind the procurement season she also directed that control rooms should be set up at the district level and that the Police Department should ensure that there is no law and order situation.

- She further directed the Deputy Commissioners to meet with the business owners and traders and prepare an action plan whether they can start operations if they are able to lodge their workers in the factories itself and provide them food, keeping in mind social distancing.

- She also directed the officers to ensure that the supply of essential commodities is unhindered and that the people are getting what they need at their doorstep. She directed the concerned officers to optimally use the human resource available to them during these tough times by chalking out efficient strategies.

- During the meeting Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Mr. Sanjeev Kaushal said special mechanisms have been put in place in order to avoid rush at the centers. He said that details regarding which farmer will go to which mandi and on what day will be communicated to them through SMS and a list of the same will be given to the Panchayats of the villages in order to streamline the procurement process.

- He further shared that a Standard design for purchase centres has been prepared and designated seating plan of staff, Arthiyas, labourers has been made and every Deputy Commissioner has been directed to keep a check that the same is being implemented in each centre.

- He said that the entry and exit points of the procurement centres will be monitored closely and only those with unique IDs and gate passes will be allowed to enter. He said that an instruction booklet will be given to the Marketing Board employees, Arthiyas, procurement agencies, labourers, and farmers to help them navigate the procurement process smoothly.

- He further said that since the number of procurement centres have been increased this year the employees of procurement agencies will fall short for which the employees of other departments will be deployed to ensure efficient procurement.