



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Industries Department – Covid 19 – High incidence of COVID infection in the State- Redistribution of Medical Oxygen Cylinders among the districts – Orders issued.

INDUSTRIES(F)DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

In view of the continued high incidence of COVID infections in the State, storage and supply of medical oxygen needs to be augmented, so as to avoid any disruption in the supply of oxygen at institutional level. In this regard, District Collectors in all the districts have identified altogether 11,087 cylinders used hitherto for filling Nitrogen, Argon or Industrial oxygen. These cylinders are being cleaned, disinfected and converted to medical oxygen cylinder by M/s. Cochin shipyard and M/s. TCC, in addition to several private agencies. Thus, 6,566 cylinders are converted to medical oxygen cylinders till date. The availability of these cylinders in some of the districts, are more than the availability in other districts.

2. Considering the present storage facility for Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and the number of filling units (Air Separation Units) and the distribution of COVID patients in the districts, it is essential to redistribute converted cylinders to districts without these facilities.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to redistribute the Cylinders as follows:

Sl. No	District	Number of medical cylinders present	Number of cylinders to be distributed to/from	Net cylinder availability in the district
1	Trivandrum	560	50 to Pathanamthitta	510
2	Kollam	413	-	413
3	Pathanamthitta	365	50 from Trivandrum 50 from Palakkad	465
4	Alappuzha	438	-	438
5	Kottayam	307	50 from Ernakulam	357
6	Ernakulam	606	50 to Kottayam	556
7	Thrissur	1046	200 to Malappuram 100 to Wayanad 100 to Kasargode	646

8	Idukki	574	-	574
9	Palakkad	668	50 to Pathanamthitta	618
10	Malappuram	314	200 from Thrissur 100 from Kozhikode	614
11	Kozhikode	910	100 to Malappuram 100 to Kannur 50 to Kasargode	660
12	Wayanad	124	100 from Thrissur	224
13	Kannur	145	100 from Kozhikode	245
14	Kasargode	96	100 from Thrissur 50 from Kozhikode	246

3. Further, there are 3,498 cylinders still to be taken over for conversion (2,249 in Ernakulam, 215 in Malappuram, 69 in Wayanad, 418 in Kozhikode, 154 in Kottayam). These cylinders should be immediately taken over with due proper acknowledgement converted into medical oxygen cylinders.

4. The District Collectors given additional cylinders from other districts, should arrange to collect these cylinders with proper acknowledgement and use them as buffer stock to supply medical oxygen to supply to areas/ hospitals where there is no storage facility for Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO). This redistribution is ordered with immediate effect, so that no hospital suffers from lack of oxygen due to disruptions in the supply.

5. All District Collectors shall comply with this order and report the action taken to the government.

(By order of the Governor)
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