

## Shri Prakash Javadekar, Shri Ajit Pawar review Covid situation in Pune

Centre to help Maharashtra procure 1,121 ventilators  
from Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh

Vaccine doses should be optimally distributed across  
centres to ensure there is no shortage : Javadekar

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Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Shri Ajit Pawar today reviewed the Covid situation in Pune district at a meeting held in the Council Hall.



Briefing media persons after the meeting, Shri Javadekar said the Centre is helping Maharashtra procure 1,121 ventilators to meet the shortage. "I have spoken with the concerned Central Ministers and Officers about the acute ventilator shortage in Maharashtra. Within 3-4 four days, 700

ventilators from Gujarat and 421 ventilators from Andhra Pradesh will arrive in the state” said the Minister. He further added that the Centre will also help Maharashtra in increasing oxygen supply for Covid care.

“Testing, Tracking, Tracing and Treatment are the thrust areas of containing the Covid epidemic and the Centre has assured Maharashtra to provide funds under the National Health Mission to hire additional manpower required for scaling up the operation, said Shri Javadekar. He further informed that 30 Central Teams are already in various districts of Maharashtra, including Pune, guiding and assisting the state health machinery in controlling the pandemic.



About the vaccine issue, Shri Javadekar said Maharashtra has a stock in hand of 15.63 lakh doses of Covid vaccine and the same should be optimally distributed. "Boards like 'vaccination centre closed due to no stock' should not be visible and i have spoken about this with the State Chief Secretary Sitaram Kunte", said the Minister.

The Minister said Covid pandemic is a national issue and it is time now for all to work together and not engage in politicizing the issues.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Shri Ajit Pawar said the next 15 days are crucial for Pune as well as the state, and everyone should join hands in breaking the chain of infection.



Shortage of beds, non availability of Remdesiver, thrust on Covid appropriate behaviour were discussed at the meeting which was also attended by elected representatives and senior officials.

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