

**EXTRACTS OF DEAD-BODY MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL OF
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

(ISSUED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR GENERAL AWARENESS)

- The main source of transmission of COVID-19 is through droplets.
- There is unlikely to be an increased risk of COVID infection from a dead body to health workers or family members who follow standard precautions while handling body.
- Embalming of dead body should not be allowed.
- Cremation or burial is permitted in strict adherence to protocol of dead body management.
- **The body, secured in a body bag, exterior of which is decontaminated poses no additional risk to the staff transporting the dead body.** The person handling the body may follow standard precautions (surgical mask, gloves). The Crematorium/ burial Ground staff should be sensitized that COVID 19 does not pose additional risk. The staff will practice standard precautions of hand hygiene, use of masks and gloves.

(As an additional precaution, PPEs would be provided by State Government)

- The vehicle, after the transfer of the body to crematorium/ cemetery will be decontaminated with 5% Sodium Hypochlorite.
- **The ash does not pose any risk and can be collected to perform the last rites.**
- Complete document is available in the website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at:

https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/1584423700568_COVID19GuidelinesonDeadbodymanagement.pdf

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