

CWC works on disinfecting airports, PSUs to fight virus

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The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), a PSU, which also offers pest control services besides storage and handling, is busy making its contribution in the fight against Covid-19.

Its technical staff comprising 700 personnel are working round the clock, majorly engaged in disinfecting the domestic and international flights every time it takes off as well as PSU offices and airports and hospitals to keep the Covid-19 at bay.

A senior official at the CWC, an organisation under the Union Consumer Affairs Ministry said that they are regularly getting calls for disinfections on daily basis and they have to keep a slot for every organisations depending on the emergency as well as the staff availability.

And as the domestic flight operations have resumed in the country, their major focus is on disinfecting and sanitising terminal building of the Airports in cities. The Corporation has core competency in executing these kind of operations.

“We are following the protocol prepared by the Union Health Ministry. We ensure that our staff has proper PPE kits and all necessary precautions are adopted so that they do not get infected with the virus while carrying out their routine job,” said the official.

As Covid-19 pandemic has swept the world as also India, the CWC's staff for the first time since the organisation's inception in 1957 is now focussed more on combating Coronavirus infection than what it was previously ie termite treatment, rodent, mosquitoes, flies, termites, rodents, weed control, etc.

It has a range of clients of which prominent locations are ministries, PSUs, State/Central Government. offices, railway station and coach, workshop, ships, container, national museum, science center, aircraft, hanger, airlines, airports of Airport Authority of India, AIIMS, hospitals, banks, Universities, MSTC, HAL, HCL, GAIL, RBI, UTI among others.

“To keep an edge over the private operators, we are also providing corona disinfection services in residential area at an economical rate,” said the official as in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the importance of disinfection against communicable disease and vector/pest control has become an urgency.

He explained that disinfection services should be taken from the trained operator. As per the Insecticide Act 1968, the accreditation & PCS license is a must for disinfection works.

The recommended frequency of disinfection may be daily or thrice or twice a week, as per the Communicable Disease & Control guidelines, the official added.