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I am writing to draw your attention to the unprecedented heat wave in Delhi, with temperatures hovering around 50 degrees Celsius, for the first time in the history of the city.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor had given instructions to DDA on 20th May for making adequate arrangements for water, coconut water etc. for labour who have been deployed at various construction sites so that they can stay hydrated. Directions were also given that appropriate arrangements for shade/coolers be made to protect the poor labour from heat stroke. DDA has been given orders that the supervisors and labour be given a break during peak heat hours- between 12 noon and 3 pm. He has directed that these arrangements should continue across all sites, till temperatures subside below 40 degree Celsius. A copy of the communication is enclosed for ready reference.

I have now been directed to communicate the Honourable Lieutenant Governor has observed that inspite of the unusual severity of the heat wave, no such instructions have been issued by the state government. Ordinarily, he had expected that the Chief Minister or the concerned minister would convene a meeting for a heat action plan in the city. The lack of sensitivity and seriousness in dealing with the heat wave is a matter of grave concern for him. The plight of the poor labour, who toil relentlessly in sweltering heat warrants a humane approach of administration. Thousands of homeless people and street vendors who spend their day on the footpaths, sometimes with small babies without access to drinking water is a heart-rending sight.

Honourable Lieutenant Governor has directed that Chief Secretary may immediately call a meeting of officers of all works departments- to PWD, DJB, I&FC, MCD, NDMC, Power department, DUSIB and issue necessary directions for protecting the labour and supervisory staff from extreme heat conditions. Apart from this, he has directed that earthen pots with drinking

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water may be arranged at Bus Queue shelters, to provide relief to bus passengers waiting in the sun and other pedestrians. Tankers with treated water of STP's should be deployed for sprinkling on the roads, which would have cool down ambient temperature. Water sprinklers, which were deployed on high rise buildings and roads for tackling pollution should be reenergized for a salutary impact on the ambient air temperature. These measures may be invoked with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Subhashis,

DDA is undertaking a wide range of works, at different sites- along the Yamuna floodplain, for restoration of monuments, and construction of drains, parks, construction of houses and in situ rehabilitation etc. In the ongoing conditions of severe heatwave, Hon'ble LG has desired that adequate arrangements for drinking water, coconut water etc may be made available on site so that the labour stays hydrated. Adequate arrangements for shade/ coolers may also be made. Also, given the extreme heat conditions, labour and their supervisors may be provided a break between 12.00 noon and 3.00 PM. These arrangements may continue at all sites till the day temperature is above 40 degrees Celsius.

with warm regards,

Yours sincerely

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