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Third Covid wave impending, finish vaccination: SC

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lagged warnings about an impending third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and stressed on the need to complete vaccination and create buffer stocks of oxygen.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah also

called upon the Centre to ensure called upon the Centre to ensure Delhi continues to get 700 metric tonnes (MT) of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) and reiterated the need to re-examine the current formula for supplying oxygen, which is based on the number of (LU and non-CUD beds. The court was told Delhi had been supplied 730 MT oxygen on Wednesday. "We understand everybody who dies are prot dying due to lack

who dies are not dying due to lack or oxygen, But can it be deniled that oxygen is not a critical component? the bench asked while hearing a plea by the Centre against the contempt notice is sued to its officers by the Delhi High Court in the matter of JMO supply to Delhi. Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta submitted that supplies had to be diverted from other states to meet the capital's demands. "We may enter stage three, If we prepare today we may be able to handle it. Whattever stocks have been procured need to be sent to hospitals..." said justice Chandrachud. He added the third surge, which, as per experts "s' around the corner", would affect children. of oxygen, But can it be denied

a mother and father will go too," a mother and father will go too," he said, adding, "that is why vaccination will have to be over for this group of people. We must plan for this scientifically and make arrangements".

The hearing also saw the Delhi government and Centres parover oxygen supplies to the capital, with the Centre saying an expert group, comprising NHt Aayog member V K Paul and AlIMS Director Randeen Guleria among Director Randeen Guleria among.

member V K Paul and AIIMS Director Randee Quieria among others, had opined that the demandfor 700M 'was unrealistic, and demanded an oxygen audit to have a realistic assessment of the needs of various states. So Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the audit committee will look at the actual demand for oxygen, how it is being distributed and problems being facedby Delhi in accessing the supply. uted and problems being faced by Delhi in accessing the supplehi in Accessing the supplehi plant part and of the audit, "All our doctors and officers are trying to help in this crisis, If even one such person is made a part of the committee it will be an injustice to a person's life", But the Sc repeated the demand for an audit, and said there is a "systemic failure" northbut.

mand for an audit, and said there is a "systemic failure" contributing to the shortage in the capital. The court also called upon the Centre and states to utilise the 1.5 lakh doctors who have finish the their medical courses and awaiting the NEET exam, saying; the current crop of doctors are completely fatigued and at the end of their tether."

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Delhi getting more oxygen, says CM, asks hospitals to increase beds for Covid patients

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DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal asked hospitals to in-crease the number of beds re-served for Could patients as the city got 730 metric tonnes [MT] of oxygen on Wednesday, Several hospitals, including Delhi government-run GTB and RCSS hospitals, had reduced the number of beds for Covid pa-tients as they reported a reduced oxygen supply.

oxygen supply.
"Many hospitals had reduced beds during this time because of oxygen shortage. Our effort has to be increase, not reduce beds, otherwise it will result in chaos. their beds again ad I am hoping

we will get 700 MT oxygen daily. Many private hospitals had also told us they can earmark more told us they can earmark more beds if they get a set regular supply. This could mean around 2,000 more oxygen beds. I hope these hospitals will now augment their facilities so more people can be saved," the CM said.

The Delhi government and het Centre have been locked in a bitter battle in the High Court and bitter battle in the High Court and Supreme Court over the past

Supreme Court over the past weeks as city hospitals reeled unweeks acity hospitals reeled under a shortage of medical oxygen. While the Delhi government lagged supply as the main issue, the Centre said Delhi was unable to effectively transport and distribute the oxygen allocated to it. AAP MLA Raghav Chadha, who has been coordinating oxygen supply to hospitals, however,

At the Shehnai banquet hall Covid facility, Abhinav Saha

said out of the 730 MT oxygen supplied on Wednesday, 250 MT was done as a "one-time tempo-rary arrangement". "730 MT of oxygen was supplied by the Centre for the first time, of which

one-time temporary arrange-ment... The Centre should make this supply permanent, rather than a one-time arrangement. Since oxygen supply increased, SOS calls also decreased. While we used to get around 40-50

SOS calls yesterday."

Giving details of the one-time arrangement of 250 MT. Chadha said, "Trucks that were to go to some other states were diverted to Delhi. This is how they the full-tilling the oxygen demand of 976 MT. Idon't wish to pot any tody in the wrong light, but only wish to project a clear picture in front of the people of Delhi with utmost transparency. The 250 MT out of 730 MT delivered to us yesterday—meaning approximately 35%.

730 M1 delivered to us yesterday
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was not from defined and declared sources or plants, "he said.
He also said Delhi's oxygen
demand was 976 MT, keeping in
mind the requirement of hospitals, nursing homes and temporary facilities.
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rary facilities. The CM, meanwhile, said the

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another 9,000 oxygen poesn ina-cilities such as the Radha Soami Beas Centre in Chhattarpur now that it has adequate supply, "I promise you, no one will die for lack of oxygen if we get 700 MT daily" said Kejrtwal.

He also appealed to the Centre to ensure the city contin-ues to get 700 MT oxygen daily to ensure that operations in hos-pitals and Covid centres run smoothly. "I thank the Centre, High Court and Supreme Court fort shat we have managed to control the situation. But this supply should not just be for a day. Till the second wave abates, we need 700 MT daily, I hope it doesn't happen that we get 400 MT tomorrow," he said.

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