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Forest dept to provide firewood

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Gandhinagar: Following reports of shortages of firewood at several crematoriums because of the increased number of deaths due to Covid-19, the state forest department has issued orders to provide free firewood to all district and municipal authorities. The department has said district and civic authorities should be provided as much firewood as they need for cremating dead bodies.

The resolution of the department said, “Due to the recent unexpected rise in deaths due to Covid-19, demand for firewood at crematoriums has increased considerably. To help citizens and local authorities in such time, the government has decided to provide free firewood to all the district and municipal authorities. All district forest officers are directed to co-ordinate with the local authorities to ensure no demand-supply gap in firewood arises.