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Prepare for lockdown, Maha CM tells chief secy

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Mumbai: Alarmed at Maharashtra recording its highest single-day tally of 40,414 new Covid-19 cases on Sunday, CM Uddhav Thackeray went into a huddle with the state task force and asked chief secretary Sitaram Kunte to immediately draw up a strategy for the "last resort" of a lockdown.

"The government was trying hard to keep the economy afloat amid the pandemic. However, several factors are not being considered seriously," Thackeray said at the meeting, which was also attended by public health

minister Rajesh Tope and the chief secretary.

"Ultimately, people's health is our top priority. Hence, the chief secretary should plan a lockdown strategy to ensure that the supply of essential commodities, including food grain and medicines, and health services are not hampered. This is what we have to do if people are not following the (Covid) norms." Mumbai, too, recorded its highest ever tally of 6,933 new cases on Sunday.

Cases in Maharashtra have risen exponentially over the past fortnight, with 3.9 lakh people testing positive for the virus. Between March 1 and 28, over 5.4 lakh

cases have been reported, a manifold rise over the February figure of 1.3 lakh cases. At present, the weekly positivity rate in Maharashtra is the highest in the country at 22.78%. The state conducts 1.5 lakh tests daily.

"Lockdown is the last resort, but we have to consider it because the healthcare infrastructure is crumbling. There are no beds available in the private sector and public-sector beds, too, are filling fast," task force member Dr Shashank Joshi said. At the meeting, CM Thackeray said the health department should not only concentrate on Mumbai and Pune, but also look at rural areas.