Status of FSSM in Uttar Pradesh during the lockdown under COVID:

Summary:
In most cities staff operating Govt. owned vehicles and private operators registered with ULBs have been able to get the curfew passes. There have been issues reported in Lucknow, Bijnor and Unnao where the private desludgers have been unable to get curfew passes and thus unable to service the request received for emptying. The issue has been flagged to concerned DM office, municipal commissioner. The same has also be taken up with the State Sanitation Workers Commission. Through such interventions curfew passes have been initiated in Lucknow and Bijnor. In the coming week our team shall monitor the situation closely

1. Bijnor:
   - The private desludgers had problems in getting curfew passes as none of them are registered with the ULB.
   - Through CSE – TSU’s intervention, passes have started to be issued. 2 operators have got passes.
   - So far no trips have been made as the passes were issued on 4th April 2020 itself.

2. Lucknow:
   - The Private Desludgers had problems in getting curfew passes. While the sanitation staff directly engaged by the Lucknow Nagar Nigam (LNN) have been provided with curfew passes and PPE, the private desludgers were not issued these passes.
   - During our discussions with the private desludgers, we found that requests were coming to the private operators during this lockdown but they were unable to service the request because of the pass. They were waiting for the lockdown to end in 14th to resume services.
   - CSE has flagged the issue with the Municipal Commissioner, Director Local Bodies and State Sanitation Workers Commission for immediate intervention to expedite the issue of curfew passes.
   - Upon our request the Municipal Commissioner has directed the Executive Engineer (Jal Kal Vibhag) to immediately initiate and expedite the issue of passes to the private desludgers. One desludgers (who also operates CT/PTs) and work closely with the LNN was able to get the pass attached below:

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3. Chunar:

- There is one Govt. owned vehicle. The driver and helper has been issued curfew pass.
- No emptying request have been made during the lockdown.
- Personal protective equipment has been given to sanitation workers. The salaries for the month of march have been paid to the sanitation staff in full.
4. Prayagraj:
   - The Nagar Nigam had issued sanction letters to govt. desludgers, which were being used by them to show to the officials. The DSP had also issued a notice to the police about the list of essential service which needs to be allowed to function during this lockdown.
   - Letter was issued by Municipal Commissioner to expedite the issue of I-cards to all sanitation workers.
   - The operators have been given PPE. Operators have received request for emptying. Further, many vacuum tankers are also being engaged for dis-infecting activities in the city.
   - Upon our discussions with private operators, only the operators of govt. owned vehicles have got passes. The private operators are still facing issues in getting the passes. We have again flagged it to the Commissioner and DM.
5. Jhansi:
   - The FSTP operator and the Driver and Helpers operating vacuum tankers have received curfew passes. The plant is officially open with staff deputed.
   - However, no emptying request made during the curfew period. As per discussion with Operator and ULB officials.

6. Unnao:
   - Based on discussion with ULB officials Govt. operators have been given curfew passes. But Private De-sludgers have not been given passes as of now (since none of them is registered with the ULB).
   - There have been requests from 3 households during this period.
   - CSE has flagged the issue of the need to expedite the issue of curfew passes to private operators and ensure these trips reach the FSTP.

7. Agra:
   - The Govt. desludgers are operating in the city using there govt. IDs. PPE have been issued to the De-sludgers (mostly govt. owned vehicles). However private desludgers have not received passes. This is based on discussion with ULB and the De-sludging operator.

8. Kanpur:
   - The passes have been issued to all the registered desludgers in the city. Based on discussion with desludgers, Bingawan STP operators and ULB officials. The co-treatment facility is receiving around 10 trips per day. The interviewed desludgers is receiving 2 to 3 trips per day. This based on discussion with the ULB, STP operator and De-sludging operator.