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Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

'B' Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 26th May, 2020

To,
Directorate General of Civil Aviation,
(Kind Attn.: Shri Arun Kumar, Director General),
Opp. Safdarjung Airport,
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Sub: Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for Private aircraft and Charter operations on international sectors in view of COVID -19 pandemic

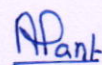
Sir,

The Ministry of Home Affairs vide order no. 40-3/2020 – DM – I(A) dated 24th May 2020, has permitted international charter operations and operations by private aircraft to bring back stranded Indian nationals to India. The MHA has also permitted certain categories of OCI Card holders to come to India in terms of the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 25022/24/2020-F.V/F.I dated 22nd May, 2020.

2. In order to facilitate the movement of stranded Indian nationals and certain OCI Card holders, a Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for Private aircraft and Charter operations on international sectors in view of COVID -19 pandemic has been prepared by this Ministry. The same is enclosed herewith for strict compliance.

3. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State(IC) for Civil Aviation.

Yours faithfully



(Anup Pant)

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Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for Private aircraft and Charter operations on international sectors in view of COVID -19 pandemic

1. Objective

- a. In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic international travel of passengers has been prohibited under Ministry of Home Affairs' orders related to lockdown measures. Many Indian nationals who had travelled to different countries before the lockdown on various purposes such as employment, studies / internship, tourism, business etc. are stranded abroad. Due to their prolonged stay abroad, they are facing distress and are desirous of returning to India urgently. Apart from the above cases, there are Indian nationals who need to visit India in medical emergencies or death of a family member.
- b. Vide Ministry of Home Affairs' order no. 40-3/2020 – DM – I(A) dated 24th May 2020, the Government has permitted international charter operations and operations by private aircraft to bring back such stranded Indian nationals to India. The Government has also permitted certain categories of OCI Card holders to come to India in terms of the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 25022/24/2020-F.V/F.I dated 22nd May, 2020.
- c. In order to facilitate the movement of Indian nationals and certain OCI Card holders, the following SOP is hereby laid down.

2. General

- a. Such persons will register themselves with the Indian Mission in the country where they are stranded, giving all necessary details as prescribed by MEA.
- b. The cost of travel will be borne by such travelers or their employers/hiring firms or by any other entity.
- c. Before boarding, all travelers shall give an undertaking that after landing in India, they would undergo COVID-19 related protocols/guidelines issued by the Government of India (Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of External Affairs) and the State/UT Government concerned.
- d. At the time of boarding the flight, only asymptomatic travelers will be allowed to board after thermal screening.
- e. All passengers shall be advised to download Aarogya Setu app on their mobile devices.
- f. Self-declaration form in the format prescribed by the Ministry of Health (**Annexure 1**) shall be filled in duplicate by each passenger in the flight and handed over to Health and Immigration officials present at the airport.

3. Flight Clearance

- a. Only the persons registered with the Indian Mission in the country of origin of flight shall be carried on the flight.
- b. The operator or the hirer of the charter will submit the flight details at least 4 days in advance to the Indian Mission with a complete list of passengers along

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