

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

No. F.DDMA/COVID-19/2020/1/305

Dated: 04.09.2020

ORDER

Whereas, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) is satisfied that the NCT of Delhi is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and has considered it necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread in NCT of Delhi;

And whereas, Delhi Disaster Management Authority has issued various orders/instructions from time to time to all authorities concerned to take all required measures to appropriately deal with the situation;


And whereas, in pursuance of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.05.2020, DDMA has issued Order No. 195 dated 24.05.2020 with regard to Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad as well as guidelines issued by Ministry of H&FW, Govt. of India dated 24.05.2020;

And whereas, in pursuance of Guidelines dated 02.08.2020 issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, for International arrivals, DDMA has issued Order No. 281 dated 07.08.2020 for strict compliance of these guidelines w.e.f. 08.08.2020;

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 22.08.2020 has issued Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), for **International travel on non-scheduled commercial flights under Vande Bharat Scheme and Air Transport Bubble arrangement** (Copy enclosed), in supersession of MHA order of even No. dated 24.05.2020. It is also mentioned in the enclosed SOP that the guidelines on health protocols and quarantine for international arrivals, as issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), from time to time, will be observed;

Now, therefore, all authorities concerned are hereby directed to ensure compliance of annexed Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for International travel on non-scheduled commercial flights under Vande Bharat Scheme and Air Transport Bubble arrangement, issued by MHA, Govt. of India as well as guidelines issued by MoHFW, Govt. of India referred above.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Secretary, Delhi.


(Sanjeev Khirwar)
Pr. Secretary (Revenue)
/ Divisional Commissioner

Copy for compliance to:

1. Chairperson, Airport Authority of India
2. Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security

3. All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/HODs of Government of NCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / PSUs / Corporations / Local Bodies.
4. Commissioner of Police, Delhi.
5. Pr. Secretary (I&P), GNCTD to ensure wide publicity of this order.
6. Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD
7. All District Magistrates of Delhi.
8. All District DCPs of Delhi.

Copy for kind information to:-

1. Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi
2. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, GNCTD
4. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Labour, GNCTD
7. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare, GNCTD
8. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Food & Supply, GNCTD
9. Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council.
10. Pr. Secretary (Home), GNCTD
11. Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD
12. Pr. Secretary (UD), GNCTD
13. Commissioner (South DMC/ East DMC/ North DMC).
14. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board.
15. All members of State Executive Committee, DDMA, GNCTD
16. System Analyst, O/o Divisional Commissioner, Delhi for uploading of the order on website – ddma.delhigovt.nic.in
17. Guard file.


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No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 22 August, 2020

ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs' Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th July, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issue Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), for *international travel on non-scheduled commercial flights under Vande Bharat Scheme and Air Transport Bubble arrangement*, in supersession of MHA order of even number dated 24th May, 2020 to Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities with the directions for its strict implementation.


22/08/2020
Home Secretary

To: (As per list attached)

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories.

Copy to:

- i) All Members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii) Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

● Annexure to Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A)
dated 22nd August, 2020

Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for travel on Vande Bharat and Air Transport Bubble flights

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Central Government had taken a series of steps to curtail the inward/ outward movement of international passengers (both foreigners and Indians) in a calibrated manner. Further international air travel of passengers (except as permitted by MHA) has been prohibited under MHA's Orders related to lockdown/ Unlock guidelines. For bringing back Indian Nationals stranded abroad, Government of India has launched '**Vande Bharat**' mission. In addition, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) has entered into the '**Air Transport Bubbles**' arrangements with few countries to allow limited commercial passenger services on reciprocal basis, when regular international flights are suspended as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. In order to facilitate the movement of persons on these limited international non-scheduled commercial flights, the following SoP is hereby laid down:

A. In-bound flights:

- i. The category of persons, who will be eligible to travel on these flights, will be as permitted by MHA from time to time.
- ii. Persons desirous to travel to India on *Vande Bharat* flights, will register themselves with the Indian Missions in the country where they are stranded/ residing, along with necessary details as prescribed by MEA. Such a registration may not be required on flights operating under Air Transport Bubbles arrangements.
- iii. They will travel to India by non-scheduled commercial flights as allowed by Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA); and ships as allowed by Department of Military Affairs (DMA)/ Ministry of Shipping (MOS). Only those crew and staff, who are tested COVID-19 negative, will be allowed to operate these flights/ ships.
- iv. SOP for the operations of these flights/ ships will be as issued by MOCA/ DMA or MOS from time to time.
- v. Priority will be given to compelling cases of in distress, including migrant workers/ labourers who have been laid off, short term visa holders faced with expiry of visas, persons with medical emergency/ pregnant women/ elderly persons or those required to return to India due to death of family member, and students.
- vi. The cost of travel, as specified by the carrier, will be borne by such travellers.
- vii. Based on the registrations received for *Vande Bharat* flights, MEA will prepare flight/ ship wise database of all such travellers, including details such as name, age, gender, mobile phone number, place of residence, place of final destination; and information on RT-PCR test taken and its result. This data base will be shared by MEA with the respective State/ UT in advance.
- viii. In case of flights operating under air transport bubbles, passenger manifest containing the same details as given above for *Vande Bharat* flights or in a revised format as may be finalised by MEA with the country concerned, will be submitted by the airlines to the Indian Mission in the country concerned

before operation of each flight with a copy to the State/ UT Government of the destination airport in India.

- ix. MEA/ MOCA will designate State/ UT wise nodal officers, who will coordinate with the nodal officers designated for this purpose by the respective State/ UT, both for the Vande Bharat flights as well as for the flights operated under air transport bubbles.
- x. MEA and MOCA will display with at least two days' notice, the schedule (day, place and time of arrival) of the incoming flight/ ship, on their online digital platform.
- xi. All travellers will also be required to give an undertaking that they are making the journey at their own risk.
- xii. While on board the flight, required precautions such as wearing of masks, environmental hygiene, respiratory hygiene, hand hygiene etc. are to be observed by airline staff, crew and all passengers.
- xiii. Passengers arriving through the land borders will also have to undergo the same protocol as above.
- xiv. The Guidelines on health protocols and quarantine for international arrivals, as issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), from time to time, will be observed.

B. Out-bound flights:

- i. The category of persons, who will be eligible to travel on these flights, will be as permitted by MHA from time to time.
- ii. MOCA will display on its website the category of persons eligible to travel out of India.
- iii. Such persons will apply to MoCA or to an agency/ agencies designated by MoCA for this purpose, along with necessary details, including the places of departure and arrival.
- iv. The travel from India shall be on the non-scheduled commercial flights, as are allowed by MoCA.
- v. Indian seafarers/ crew seeking to accept contracts to serve on vessels abroad, can travel on the non-scheduled commercial flights as allowed by MOCA or the flights arranged by their employers subject to clearance given by the Ministry of Shipping.
- vi. Before the tickets of such persons are confirmed, the airline concerned will ensure that the destination country allows entry of such persons with valid visa in that country. The conditions, if any, imposed by the destination country, will have to be fulfilled by the person intending to travel.
- vii. The cost of travel, as specified by the carrier, will be borne by such travellers as prescribed.
- viii. At the time of boarding the flight, MoCA will ensure that all travellers undergo thermal screening as per health protocol. Only asymptomatic travellers would be allowed to board the flight.
- ix. While on board the flight, required precautions such as wearing of masks, environmental hygiene, respiratory hygiene, hand hygiene etc. are to be observed by airline staff, crew and all passengers.