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Dated the 7th January, 2021

Respected Sir,

As you are aware, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has decided on "Regulated Resumption of Limited Flights" between United Kingdom (UK) and India from 8th January 2021 onwards. In this context, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in consultation with MoCA has communicated SOP for epidemiological surveillance and response. MoCA has also communicated the approved schedule to eligible domestic and international Airlines for operations, in coordination with the State / Union Territory Governments.

2. In this regard, it is informed that a strict protocol in accordance with guidelines laid down by MoHFW, MoCA, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) are being followed by the Airline Crew flying on domestic and international flights. The health of Crew is to be constantly monitored and extant quarantine protocols in respect of the Crew are to be scrupulously followed by the Airlines. These guidelines have been communicated for the Crew considering the aspects of Public Health requirements and reliability of the schedule.


3. It is reiterated that the Crew of international and domestic Airlines are to follow the existing protocol as mentioned above. Further, to address revised testing protocol for Crew operating between India and UK, they would also adhere to the following:-

- i. Pre-flight COVID testing as per current procedures, i.e., Crew to operate only after obtaining a COVID Negative Report.
- ii. During layover, Crew are advised to remain isolated in their allocated Hotel Room for the complete duration of the stay (with the exception of movement within the Hotel premises for collection of meals, water, etc.).
- iii. Post flight COVID test would be taken by all the Crew and they would be released to the respective residences for self-quarantine / Crew hotels to start the locally mandated rest period.
- iv. The Crew would wait at the Hotel (regular Crew Hotel or on Premises Hotel at the Airport with the required health protocol).
- v. Foreign Crew identified by contact tracing should be permitted to return home on the next flight if their test report is negative before the flight.
- vi. Crew found COVID positive shall undergo the applicable ICMR/MoHFW protocol.

4. The above guidelines are for information and necessary action by the State Governments, Airports and Airlines concerned.

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,


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