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Subject: Arrival of Flights at International Airports of Punjab at Mohali & Amritsar with Indians Stranded Abroad.

Requests are being received from various Airlines/ Charter / Other operators to land flights at Mohali and Amritsar Airport carrying Indians stranded abroad.

2. As per guidelines of MHA and Government of Punjab – all international passengers arriving into the State must undergo Institutional Quarantine for 7 days followed by Home Quarantine for 7 days.

3. Further many flights are carrying passengers from other states which may be following different protocols. As such it is required that prior information about the passengers be available with the Government of Punjab and other State Governments before the permissions are accorded for landing of flights.

In view of the above, the competent authority has approved that permissions may be granted to Airlines/ Charter Services/ Deportation Flights to land on the following conditions:

1. To facilitate easier transport, airlines may ensure that flights carrying passengers of other States i.e. from Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and HP may land at Mohali; while passengers from J&K and HP may land at Amritsar.

2. After consultation with district administration and capacity of handling incoming passengers and ensuring proper IQ, the arrival of flights may be staggered allowing only two flights a day, at either Airport. Under exceptional circumstances, more flights may be considered.

3. The respective State Government(s) may designate their Nodal Officers from whom NoC/ permission is to be sought and who shall be responsible for making arrangement to collect/ transport their passengers to their respective States. The names and contact details of the Nodal Officers may be communicated to this office via email.
4. The Airlines/ Charter Services/ any other Operators seeking permission shall ensure that:

a. If all passengers in the flight are from Punjab, may apply for permission to this office.

b. If any passengers in the flight are from States other than Punjab, then before applying for permission to this office:
   i. seek permission/ NOC from the Nodal Officer of the State concerned.
   ii. also supply an undertaking from the Nodal Officer of the State concerned that the arrangements for transport of passengers from the Airport to the respective State and further Institutional Quarantine (in that State) shall be made by respective State Government.

c. Shall give a soft copy of the flight manifest in the specified format clearly giving a break-up of passengers of Punjab (clearly mentioning destination district) and passengers from other States while applying for the permission.

d. Permission may be applied atleast 2 days before the intended date of arrival. This will facilitate coordination with districts/ other States for movement of these passengers from the Airport.

e. All passengers should be informed of the quarantine requirements of the respective State before boarding/ booking.

f. All passengers from Punjab shall download COVA App and should make bookings in advance in Hotels for their Institutional Quarantine in their destination districts on the App.

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Copy of the above is forwarded for information and necessary action to:
1. Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab
2. Chief Secretary Punjab
3. Chief Secretary HP, Haryana, J&K & Adviser, UT, Chandigarh – with a request to designate Nodal Officer and communicate the same to this office.
4. ACS Home
5. ACS NRI
6. Principal Secretary Civil Aviation, Punjab
7. Mr. Varinder Paul, Additional Secretary MEA
8. Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, MoCA
9. All DCs/ SSPs in Punjab
10. CEO, Chandigarh International Airport
11. Airport Director, Amritsar International Airport