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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF **STRANDED INDIAN NATIONALS** from BELGIUM&LUXEMBOURG

Indian Nationals are informed that Government of India will facilitate **evacuation of stranded Indian Nationals in Belgium&Luxembourg who require to travel to India for COMPELLING REASONS.**

2. Embassy of India has been approached by **Indian Nationals/Foreign Nationals holding OCI Card** seeking to return to India for urgent, compelling reasons.

3. To facilitate such stranded Indian Nationals from Belgium & Luxembourg to India, **those who have sought to be facilitated i.e. stranded Indian Nationals/OCI Card Holders having compelling reasons to return to India**, are requested to submit information as prescribed in the proforma attached. **Details are required to be sent in to cons.brussels@mea.gov.in immediately.**

4. **OCI Card Holders with compelling reasons to visit India will need to obtain entry visa - which will be granted - GRATIS.** They may kindly write to cons2.brussels@mea.gov.in

5. Persons desiring to avail of the facilitation will be required to comply with following stipulations issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India :-

(i). The **COST of travel to India** as specified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation will **be borne by such travelers/passengers.**

(ii). PRIORITY will be accorded to

- workers/professions who have been laid off,
- short-term visa holders faced with expiry of visa,
- persons with medical emergency, pregnant women, elderly ,
- those required to visit India due to death of family members and
- **STUDENTS/Researchers/Interns** whose educational institutes/hostels are closed or research work/internship is over.

(iii). Before boarding, all travelers will be required to give an **UNDERTAKING** that they would undergo **MANDATORY** institutional quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days on arrival in India, **at their OWN COST.**

(iv). All travelers will also be required to give an **UNDERTAKING** that they would make the journey at **their OWN RISK.**

(v). At the time of boarding the flight, all travelers would be subject to thermal screening as per health protocol and **only ASYMPTOMATIC persons would be permitted to board the FLIGHT.**

(vi). **A self-declaration form** filled in - with health & personal details - in DUPLICATE will be required to be submitted **in advance** by passengers to the Embassy of India - of which a copy will be given to HEALTH and Immigration Officials present at the Airport.

(vii). While on board the flight, the health protocol of the Ministry of Civil Aviation will be strictly followed. This would include **wearing of MASK, Environmental Hygiene, Respiratory Hygiene etc. to be observed by Airline/crew and all passengers.**

(viii). On arrival, thermal screening, as per health protocol, would be carried out in respect of all passengers by the Health Officials present at the Airport.

(ix). All passengers shall be asked to **download AROGYA SETU APP on their mobile devices.**

(x). The passengers found to be **symptomatic during screening shall be immediately taken to medical facility** as per health protocol.

(xi). The **remaining passengers shall be taken to suitable institutional quarantine facilities**, to be arranged by the respective State/UT Governments. These facilities may be as far as possible, in the district Headquarters of the District to which the arriving passenger belongs.

(xii). These passengers shall be kept under institutional quarantine for minimum period **of fourteen (14) days.**

(xiii). If the passengers test NEGATIVE after **FOURTEEN (14) days**, they will be allowed to go home and will undertake **SELF-MONITORING of their health for fourteen (14) more days as per protocol.** The remaining passengers will be shifted to medical facility by the State/UT Government.

6. **Details regarding SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS including destinations will be informed in due course** through Official Website (www.indianembassybrussels.gov.in)

7. Persons willing to comply with the above conditions may please apply immediately. Your applications will be prioritised based on the reasons for urgent travel - and submission of proof of the urgent reason given – as available .

Embassy of India
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