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Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

B-Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi
Dated the 14th December 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Mandatory pre-booking of RT PCR test by international passengers arriving at 6 major Indian airports.

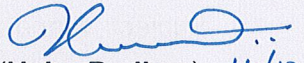
The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)'s guidelines dated 30th November, 2021 and the subsequent Record of Discussion of the meeting held on 06.12.2021 with MoHFW, to inform that the following steps are to be implemented urgently:

- 1) Air Suvidha portal would be modified to allow the passengers to mandatorily pre-book the RT PCR test if they are coming from the countries 'AT RISK' or have visited 'AT RISK' countries in the last 14 days. Link to the concerned airport website would be provided in Air Suvidha platform which would be displayed to passengers while filling up the self-declaration form (SDF).
- 2) To stabilize the system and to ensure that the passengers would not have any problem in pre-booking, payment etc., it may be implemented in six metro cities, namely, Delhi, Mumbai Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad in the first phase.
- 3) Considering the convenience of the travellers, a lead time of a week would be provided i.e., the new system to come into effect on the 20th of December (i.e., 19th December, 2021 at 11.59 pm onwards).



DGCA is requested to issue advisory to all airlines to check mandatory pre -booking of their passengers before boarding the flight. In case any passenger is having any difficulty in pre-booking, they may not be denied boarding, but it would be the responsibility of the airlines to identify and accompany such passengers to the registration counter at the airport for testing.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Usha Padhee) 14/12/21

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