

High Commission of India  
Dar es Salaam

**Press Release**

The High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Sanjiv Kohli chaired a restricted, coordination meeting of office bearers of Indian Diaspora Associations in Tanzania at the High Commission of India premises on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020. In his opening remarks, High Commissioner briefed the Association Representatives comprehensively on the COVID 19 situation in India, the efforts made and steps taken by the Government of India in addressing the resultant challenges as well as on the evacuation of Indian citizens stranded abroad in a phased manner which started on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. He assured all the citizens in Tanzania that the High Commission of India has been making all possible efforts in evacuating all Indian citizens who are either stranded in Tanzania or having compelling reasons for traveling to India.

2. The following action points were agreed during the meeting:-

(a) All Associations were asked to prepare a list of Indian citizens, in the specified format, who confirm readiness to travel at their risk and bear the cost of air tickets as well as 14-day quarantine on arrival in India. Single point Coordinators have been assigned for each State/City or a region. They were asked to send a draft proposal with the lists within the next 2-3 days.

(b) The Mission has its own list based on requests received from Indian citizens having compelling grounds for the travel. Based on these, the Mission will work out feasibility of flights including exploring the option of chartered flights.

(c) Once a concrete proposal is ready for a particular destination, the Mission will coordinate with the authorities concerned for obtaining all approvals as necessary, a process which might take about 8-10 days.

(d) The Indian citizens desirous of travelling to shall India have to give an written undertaking and should be asymptomatic of COVID 19 before being allowed to board the flight. The Mission will prepare an undertaking and circulate to the Coordinators.

(e) The High Commission officials requested the Associations to bring to their notice, cases of Indian citizens who may be in distress needing accommodation and/or food assistance so that the Mission can extend necessary support in deserving cases.

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