

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan  
Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi,  
14<sup>th</sup> August , 2020

To,  
Directorate General of Civil Aviation  
[Kind attn.: Shri Sunil Kumar, DDG]  
Opp. Safdarjung Airport  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Creation of air bubble with Qatar**

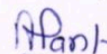
Sir,

Reference is invited to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13.08.2020 regarding repatriation of Indian nationals from the state of Qatar. The Civil Aviation Authority of Qatar vide letter dated 13.08.2020 has conveyed acceptance of the agreement from 18-31 August 2020 as proposed in our letter dated 13.08.2020.

2. DGCA may clear the flights of Qatar Airways and Indian carriers on a weekly basis in an equitable manner (based on comparable number of seats) provided they submit clearances from the concerned State Government and the Indian Mission in Qatar along with the application for the flights.
3. The flights from Qatar to India will carry the following passengers:
  - a. Indian nationals stranded in Qatar;
  - b. All Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders holding Qatari passports, and
  - c. Qatari nationals (including diplomats) holding valid visa issued by an Indian Mission in any category covered under Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) guidelines dated 30.06.2020.
4. The flights from India to Qatar will carry the following passengers:
  - a. Qatari nationals
  - b. Any Indian national holding any type of valid Qatar visa and destined for Qatar only. It would be for the airlines concerned to ensure that there is no travel restriction for Indian nationals to enter Qatar with the particular visa category before issue of ticket/ boarding pass to the Indian passenger.
5. Traffic carried from India to Qatar will comprise of passengers destined for Qatar only.
6. The designated airlines of both sides will be permitted to sell tickets between India and Qatar in each direction through their websites, sales agents and Global Distribution Systems.
7. The operations will be subject to strict adherence to the SOP issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 26.05.2020 and other COVID-19 related guidelines issued by the MHA and MoH&FW.

8. DGCA may kindly take further necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully



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