

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1122**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020)

**SELF-REPORTING FOR FLIERS FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has told the airlines operating direct flights from China and Hong Kong to start asking flyers with history of fever or cough to inform about their healthstatus;
- (b) whether flyerson these flights will need to fill up self-reporting forms before disembarkation making these declarations;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and what precautions have been taken by Government to prevent suchdisease?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

- (a) Initially, 3 airports, viz., Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata started screening of passengers from China w.e.f 17.01.2020. Thereafter, 7 airports viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata and Chennai started screening of passengers from China and Hong Kong w.e.f 21.01.2020. Subsequently, screening of passengers from China and Hong Kong was extended to 21 international airports w.e.f 30.01.2020. Further, DGCA vide circular dated 04.02.2020 had informed all scheduled airlines operating to/from China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand that all passengers arriving from China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand shall be screened by APHO immediately once they step out of the specific identified aerobridge.
- (b) All inbound international passengers are required to submit a self-declaration form.
- (c) Precautions taken by Government to prevent spread of COVID-19 are at Annexure.

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### Steps taken by Government to prevent spread of COVID – 19

Date	Action taken
17.1.2020	3 airports, viz., Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata started screening of passengers from China. All the airlines coming from China started inflight announcement.
21.1.2020	7 airports viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata and Chennai started screening of passengers from China and Hong Kong.  DGCA instructed all the airlines coming from China and Hong Kong to make inflight announcement.
22.1.2020	MOCA appointed Nodal officers for all 21 international airports and intimated to DGHS for smooth coordination.
30.1.2020	Screening of passengers travelled to Hong Kong and China extended to all 21 international airports. Inflight announcement also extended.
3.2.2020	Suspension of E-visa services for passengers holding Chinese passport and others coming from China.
4.2.2020	DGCA instructed all airlines coming from China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand that passengers arriving from these countries shall be screened by the APHO immediately once they step out of the specific identified aerobridge.
5.2.2020	Suspension of visa/e-visa already issued to foreign national travelling from China.
8.2.2020	Suspension of regular visa and e-visa for Chinese national residing anywhere and foreigners residing in China.
12.2.2020	The thermal scanning at 21 airports extended to passengers arriving from all 6 countries, viz., China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Japan.
23.2.2020	Universal scanning expanded at 21 airports for flights coming from 10 countries viz., China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia.
28.2.2020	DGCA suspended visa on arrival facilities for passengers travelling from Japan and South Korea.

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3.3.2020	DGCA suspended regular/e-visa issued on or before 3.3.2020 and not yet entered India for citizens of Italy, Iran, South Korea and Japan. DGCA suspended Regular/e-visa issued to all other foreign nationals who had travelled to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Japan on or after 1.2.2020 who have not entered to India.
5.3.2020	Universal screening extended to all international airports with international flight operation.
12.3.2020	All regular/e-visa/ Visa on arrival issued to the foreign nationals except Diplomats/officials, UN International Organisations, employment and project visa stands suspended w.e.f. 13.3.2020 <sup>th</sup> till 15 April 2020
14.3.2020	All travellers arriving from or visited China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, France, Spain, and Germany on or after 15.2.2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days.
16.3.2020	Compulsory quarantine for a minimum period for 14 days expanded to passenger coming from UAE, Qatar, Oman and Kuwait w.e.f. 18.3.2020. Travelling from EU , the European Free Trade association, Turkey and UK to India is prohibited w.e.f. 18.3.2020.
17.3.2020	Travel of passengers from Afghanistan, Philippines, Malaysia to India prohibited with immediate effect till 31.03.2020.
23.3.2020	International Operations suspended by India.
25.3.2020	Domestic operations suspended in India.
06.05.2020	MoCA issued the Standard Operating Protocol for evacuation/special flights operated by Air India group for evacuation of Indian nationals stranded abroad due to COVID-19 pandemic.
21.05.2020	General instructions and guidelines were issued for recommencement of domestic air travel w.e.f 25.05.2020 taking into account all precautions to be taken in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
24.05.2020	All international incoming passengers are required to follow the regulations of MoH&FW as stipulated vide guidelines dated 24.05.2020 as amended from time to time.
26.05.2020	MoCA issued the Standard Operating Protocol for private and charter operations on international sectors duly taking into consideration all COVID-19 related precautions and restrictions.

