# F. No. Z.28015/185/2021-DMCell Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Disaster Management Cell)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 31st August, 2021

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Please refer to guidelines on international arrival (https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals17022021.pdf), issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 issued in view of detection of more transmissible variants, wherein international passengers were subjected to pre-arrival RT-PCR testing at least 72 hours before boarding. As mandated under the said guidelines, only asymptomatic passengers were allowed to board the flight to India

- 2. Travelers through flights originating from United Kingdom, Europe and Middle East were additionally mandated to be tested on arrival in India through RT-PCR test.
- 3. In view of reporting of new mutations in SARS-CoV-2 and rising incidence of Variants of Concern (VoCs) and Variants of Interest (VoIs), it has been decided to include the following countries in the scope of part B (in addition to the countries already mentioned in the said Part B) of MoHFW's Guidelines on International Arrival:
  - a. South Africa
  - b. Bangladesh
  - c. Botswana,
  - d. China,
  - e. Mauritius,
  - f. New Zealand,
  - g. Zimbabwe
- 4. The amended guidelines shall come into effect from 00.00 Hrs (IST) of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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### To

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