

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi, dated the 18th January, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2023- Security arrangement in connection therewith.

In connection with the Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2023, the following instructions are issued with regard to the security arrangements in Government Buildings under Ministry of Home Affairs security cover for strict compliance by all concerned :-

(a) The rehearsals of Beating Retreat Ceremony is being held from 1530 hours on 17th, 18th, 19th and 21nd January, 2022 and from 1715 hrs on 22nd January 2023. The Full Dress Rehearsal will be held at 1715 hours on 27th January, 2023, Special Show from 1715 hrs on 28th January, 2023 and Beating the Retreat Ceremony from 1715 hrs on 29th January, 2023.

(b) No light should be switched on in the offices located in North Block, South Block, Vayu Bhawan, Rail Bhawan, Parliament House and Parliament Complex including the street lights on Rajpath (Kartavya Path), lights on India Gate and on top of Gurudwara Rakab Ganj during rehearsal days and on the final day of Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2023 at Vijay Chowk.

(c) CPWD must ensure that the lights of the rooms of North and South Block visible from Vijay Chowk are switched off during the Beating Retreat Show on 27th, 28th and 29th January 2023.

(d) No person is allowed to appear during rehearsal days and on the final day of Beating Retreat Ceremony at Vijay Chowk at the following points:-

- (i) Windows of the North & South Block.
- (ii) Roofs of the North & South Block.
- (iii) Slope from President's House towards Vijay Chowk.
- (iv) Places near to the location where camels are standing.

(e) CPWD must ensure that flags on North Block and South Block and Parliament House are simultaneously lowered with the flag located at Vijay Chowk during Beating Retreat Shows/Ceremony.

(f) No visitors shall be allowed to enter North Block and South Block from the Gates of these buildings opening on Kartavya Path side after 1300 hours on the days of the rehearsals and ceremony.

(g) No vehicles, Government or Private, will be parked on the sides of the Kartavya Path between North Block and South Block on the above mentioned dates of rehearsals and the main ceremony.

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(h) Gate No. 2 of South Block and Gate No. 4 of North Block will remain closed while other Gates, i.e. Gate No. 3,4 & 5 of South Block and Gate No. 1, 2 & 3 of North Block will remain open. The employees going out through Gate No. 3 of South Block/North Block will not be allowed to cross the Kartavya Path straight but will move in "U" form and cross the Kartavya Path only at one place i.e. in front of Gate No. 4/5 of South Block and Gate 1/2 of North Block in a specified corridor. These arrangements will be tied up by Delhi Police (New Delhi District).

(i) Crossing of Kartavya Path between South Block and North Block from the passage indicated in Para (h) above shall be closed between 1630 hrs to 1700 hrs and between 1800 hrs to 1830 hrs to allow the vehicles of dignitaries to pass through without any obstruction.

(j) The windows/doors of offices located in North Block and South Block visible from Vijay Chowk must be covered with dark curtain/paper.

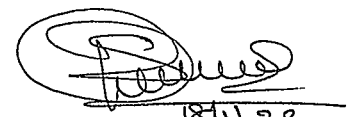
(k) It must be ensured that no smoke is allowed to emanate from North Block and South Block till 29th January, 2023. The incinerators located at North and South Block for the destruction of the waste paper should not be allowed to be operated on these days. Waste papers etc should not be accumulated on either side of Kartavya Path. Necessary steps must be taken to remove inflammable items lying in the courtyards of North Block and South Block before the stipulated date.

(l) Meeting, if any, be scheduled in the forenoon on the days of the rehearsals and the main ceremony, particularly where officers working in buildings other than North Block and South Block are to attend.

(m) No person under any circumstances shall be allowed to assemble in the lawns of North Block and South Block on above mentioned dates.

(n) The roofs of North Block and South Block and other buildings around Vijay Chowk should be properly inspected as a measure of fire safety. The security and other personnel deployed on duty in these buildings and on the Kartavya Path should be so positioned that they are not visible from Vijay Chowk.

2. All concerned may kindly make note of these arrangement for necessary action and give wide publicity amongst its employees to avoid any inconvenience.



18/1/23
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To,

1. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India (including PMO), Cabinet Sectt., as per standard list.
2. All Officers/Sections/PSs/PAs in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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3. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.
4. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic (CR), Delhi.
5. The Additional Commissioner of Police, New Delhi District.
6. The DIG (GBS), CISF, Jamnagar House, New Delhi.
7. AC, RPF, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, CPWD, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. The Executive Engineer, 'C' Division/'F' Division, CPWD, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
10. The Executive Engineer, (Civil), CPWD, North Block, New Delhi.
11. Director General, Works, CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
12. Security Officer, UPSC, New Delhi.
13. SO (IT Cell), North Block, New Delhi - for uploading on MHA's website.