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To  
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Sub: Mandatory RT-PCR negative test for flight passengers coming from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Gujarat from 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

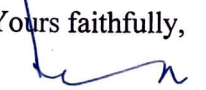
Sir,

In view of the increasing trend of Covid cases in the states of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Gujarat and in continuation of 294-ISS/2M-22/2020 dated 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 (where RT-PCR tests and negative reports, prior to flight boarding, were made mandatory for flight passengers from the states of Maharashtra, Kerala, Telengana and Kerala), this is to inform you that the State Government has further decided that from 12 noon of 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, all passengers coming to West Bengal from the aforesaid 5 states shall also be required to mandatorily carry a covid negative RT-PCR report for such test conducted within 72 hours of flight departure. This shall not be applicable for flight crew, children below 2 years old, and transit passengers whose final destination is not west Bengal and do not need to come out of the airport.

Further, only emergency cases like death of kin will be exempted from prior testing. However, they will have to get themselves tested on arrival at the airport at their cost.

However, election observers deployed emergently by the Honourable Election Commission of India will be facilitated to get the RT-PCR test done, if not done before the departure, then at the arrival point/district of posting immediately on arrival in West Bengal, and they shall also be facilitated to proceed to isolation/quarantine/hospital on being detected COVID positive as per laid down COVID protocol.

Accordingly, I would request that all airlines may kindly be issued suitable instructions.

Yours faithfully,  
  
(H. K. Dwivedi)