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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as a part of its proactive yet graded public health response to COVID-19 management has been updating 'Guidelines for International Arrivals' from time to time. In the last update, based on increasing trajectory of COVID-19 and circulation of mutant variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus in some Countries, this Ministry had mandated requirements of pre-departure COVID-19 testing and uploading of Self-Health Declaration on Ministry of Civil Aviation's 'Air Suvidha' Portal.

2. However, as has been witnessed in the last 4 weeks, these Countries are witnessing a sustained and significant decline in trajectory of COVID-19 cases. Further, as per World Health Organization's latest situational update on COVID-19, a decline of 89% in the number of newly confirmed cases in the past 28 days has been noted globally as compared to 28 days prior to that. Meanwhile, India has continued to witness a declining trajectory, with less than 100 new cases/day being reported.

3. In view of the above, this Ministry is updating its 'Guidelines for International Arrivals', and dropping the existing requirements of pre-departure COVID-19 testing and uploading of Self-Health Declaration on Ministry of Civil Aviation's 'Air Suvidha' portal applicable for international travellers coming from/via China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan.

4. In order to monitor infections due to mutated variants of SARS-CoV-2 among international travellers to India, the present exercise of random testing of 2% travellers to India (irrespective of Country of origin) upon arrival India shall continue.

5. This arrangement shall come into practice with effect from 11:00 AM on Monday, 13th February, 2023.


6. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare shall continue to monitor evolving COVID-19 situation, Globally and in the Country closely.

Yours sincerely,
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