

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 742
(To be answered on the 21st November 2019)**

PROTOCOL OF DIGNITARIES

742. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is any clear definition for the protocol of dignitaries/VIPs travelling by domestic or international flights and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the airlines and the companies managing airports have been given specific instructions about the protocol of dignitaries/VIPs and if so, the list of such people?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

- (a) & (b): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), an attached office of this Ministry and aviation security regulator in the country has issued Aviation Security (AVSEC) Circular No.18/2009 for extending courtesy to Hon'ble Members of Parliament at airports during their visits to airports. BCAS has also issued AVSEC Order No.06/2015 for exemption from Pre-embarkation Security Checks at civil airports to dignitaries and their accompanying spouse. The facilities provided to dignitaries/Members of Parliament at the airports are given as under:-
- Reserved Lounge facilities at international and domestic terminals of the airports
 - Tea/Coffee/Water served free of charge
 - Member of Parliament acts as Chairman of Airport Advisory Committee in respect of the airports which falls under his/her constituency
 - Free Access to the Hon'ble MP in the Terminal Building and Visitors gallery on the basis of Identity Card
 - Airport Entry Pass to personal staff of MP - one at New Delhi and another for an airport nearest to his/her constituency
 - One officer at the airport is designated as Protocol officer at each airport and is responsible for extension of all facilities / courtesies to MPs.

The protocol is to be followed by all concerned, including domestic private airports and airlines.