

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
D(CEREMONIALS)**

Subject:- **Republic Day Celebrations, 2019 - Issue of Invitation cards.**

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It has been decided that as in the past, admission to the seating enclosures for the Republic Day Parade, 2019 will be regulated partly through invitation/admit cards and partly through priced tickets. Invitation/admit cards will be issued only to the entitled categories. Invitation/admit card holders will be allowed to bring children below 10 years of age who will be seated in front on 'durries'.

2. The Beating Retreat Ceremony will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. It has been decided that the invitation cards for the main show on the 29<sup>th</sup> January will be issued to the officers of the rank of Directors in the Govt. of India/Brigadiers and equivalents in the Services and second-in-commands in the Foreign Missions in India including Military Attaches in addition to the dignitaries included in the Central Table of Precedence. For the 28<sup>th</sup> January show officers of the Rank of Deputy Secretary of Govt. of India and Colonel and equivalents in the Services will be invited, besides the ticket holders.

3. In connection with the issue of invitation cards for the Republic Day Parade & Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2019, Service HQrs. are requested to furnish to this Ministry the names of all commissioned officers of the three services serving in the Armed Forces HQrs. & their subordinate offices located in Delhi (including HQrs. Delhi Area/Operational Command, IAF Palam). Apart from the Service Chiefs, Service Officers figuring down to Article 22 of the Central Table of Precedence opting to sit on the South Side of Rajpath only will be provided earmarked seats subject to the receipt of their willingness to attend the function by 5.00 p.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup> January in respect of Republic Day Parade and by 5.00 p.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> January in respect of Beating Retreat Ceremony. **If no confirmation is received by the stipulated date/time, no earmarked seat will be provided.** The officers in that case will have to occupy unreserved seats in the sub-block meant for them. All other officers will be provided unreserved seats. The Officers opting to sit on the North Side will be provided unreserved seats in the sub-block meant for them. For officers of the rank of Joint Secretary/Maj Gen and equivalent, 50% seats will be on the North side and 50% on the South Side. The lists may be adjusted accordingly.

4. The lists of names, in English & Hindi are required to be sent in the form of a complete set duly serially numbered, in quadruplicate as per the enclosed proforma and addressed to the US(Cer)/OSD(Invitation), Ministry of Defence, Room No.1, South Block, New Delhi so as to reach by **31.10.2018**. **Lists may be prepared on separate sheets for each category of officers.** Admit cards in respect of non-Commissioned Officers will be issued, without indicating name of the invitee etc., in a ratio of 3:2:1 (for Army, Air Force and Navy respectively) of the total capacity of the enclosures marked for the purpose. No list, therefore, needs to be sent in this regard. However, a record of the names of the JCOs/ ORs to whom Admit cards are issued is to be kept and their names may be sent to OSD(Invitation) by **23.01.2019** positively.

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5. Service HQrs. are, requested to ensure that the names of those officers who are on deputation to other Ministries/Deptts. are not included in the lists furnished by them.
6. It is possible that some senior Service Officers may be visiting Delhi, officially or otherwise, at the time of the Republic Day Celebrations, 2019. Names of such officers, as should be invited for these functions, may also kindly be intimated as soon as it is definitely known that they will be in Delhi at the time of the Republic Day Parade. In this connection, it is stated that the invitation cards for not more than 200 seats, would be issued for visiting officers of the three services. Lists containing the particulars of these officers should reach OSD(Invitation) not later than the **25<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**. The information should also include their local residential addresses (with telephone number, if any) and whether they would be accompanied by their spouse.
7. It was observed in the past that some supplementary lists were received from the Service HQrs. containing names etc. of officers who joined their posts in Delhi after the earlier lists were forwarded by them. It is requested that in case such supplementary lists are sent, it may also be indicated therein whether the particular officer has been appointed against a newly created vacancy or it is a case of transfer only in which the invitation card of the officer transferred out of Delhi should be returned with the supplementary list by name to the OSD(Invitation), Ministry of Defence. The supplementary lists may be sent to the Invitation Office by the **25<sup>th</sup> December, 2018** at the latest. It may please be ensured that the prescribed time limit is strictly adhered to.
8. Lists of Army Officers serving in Delhi, to be furnished to the OSD(Invitation), Ministry of Defence, New Delhi should be compiled by the AG's Branch(PS Dte) themselves rather than through the Army Statistical Organisation.
9. Separate instructions will be issued regarding arrangements for sale of tickets.

  
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**CISC HQ. IDS**

**DG(DC&W), Army HQrs.**

**COP, Naval HQrs.**

**AOA, Air HQrs.**

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Copy to:

**OSD(Invitation)**

PROFORMA  
(To be furnished in quadruplicate)

Rank	Name & Number held	Designation of the post	Official address including place of posting	Married/ unmarried	Residential address and Tele. No.	Whether residence is on North or South of Rajpath	Article No. in the Table of Precedence in which the officer figures
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

Signature of the Officer Forwarding the list. : .....

Name in BLOCK letters : .....

Designation : .....

Office Address : .....

Tele: No. Office : ..... Residence : .....