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D.O. No. 40-10/2020-DM-I(A)

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Dear *Chief Secretary,*

As you are aware, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 05.05.2020 has issued Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country.

2. As per the SOP, all stranded Indian Nationals to be brought to India, on their arrival, will mandatorily be taken to suitable institutional quarantine facilities to be arranged by respective State/UT Governments. It is also mentioned that, as far as possible, these facilities are to be arranged at the district headquarters of the districts to which the arriving passengers belong.
3. The list of passengers will be shared by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to the respective States/Union Territories before their arrival. Therefore, all State/UT Governments are requested to make the advance preparations for arranging adequate number of institutional quarantine facilities so that arriving Indian Nationals are accommodated immediately on their return to India. Action taken on these arrangements made may please be sent to MHA & MEA.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla)

**Chief Secretaries of All States**  
(As per Standard List attached)