

No. 4/7/95-2POL
HARYANA GOVERNMENT
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Dated Chandigarh the 11th June, 2015

To

1. All the Additional Chief Secretaries to Govt. Haryana.
2. All the Principal Secretaries to Govt. Haryana.

Subject: - Instructions regarding processing political clearance for State dignitaries and senior officials prior to their official visits abroad.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to say that vide letter No. MOS/(VKS)/05/2015/1026 dated 5th May, 2015 Ministry of State for External Affairs & Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi has requested that following points may be considered while processing political clearance for State Dignitaries and senior officials prior to their official visits abroad:-

1 It is very important for dignitaries from State Govt. to have appropriate invitations in place for their official visits abroad. It is also important for them to have confirmed meetings with their counterparts or other dignitaries for similar standing to ensure that their position and dignity is not undermined in any way while they are in a foreign land. In this regard, the inputs of Indian Missions abroad, which are best placed to judge the suitability or otherwise of Indian participation from various angles, as well their assessment about appropriate level of participation, need to be respected. The suitability or otherwise of such visits abroad is decided in the light of factors such as our bilateral relations, nature and position of hosts, reciprocity, prevailing local situation like elections, major festivals, holidays to name just a few.

2 With respect to proposals for study tours abroad and feedback on these from their missions, they have urge that utmost care is exercised in processing them based on their relevance for the States and by ensuring structured interactions with relevant authorities/instructions abroad followed by mandatory submission of report on the finds of such study tours. Subsequent proposals for study tours should be entertained only when such conditions have been met with respect to previous study tour.

3 It has further been requested that the files for political clearance are sent to Ministry of External Affairs in time to avoid last minute calls on behalf of dignitaries, particularly from the offices of respective resident commissioners in Delhi. Their endeavour is to ensure clearances are sent back in time.

4 While it is Government of India's sincere endeavour to encourage and facilitate foreign visits from the States in order to diversify their foreign relations for mutual benefit, they will have to say no in some cases based on various factors some of which have been explained above. The Government of India has requested that all concerned are sensitized about the rationale behind political clearance and the need to adhere to decisions arrived at in a professional, impartial and objective manner.

5 The aforesaid instructions are uploaded on the website esharyana.gov.in (under Political & Parliamentary Affairs section) also.

6 They are requested that these instructions may please be complied with meticulously.

Yours Faithfully,


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A copy is forwarded to Ministry of State for External Affairs & Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi w.r.t. D.O. letter No. MOS/(VKS)/05/2015/1026 dated 5th May, 2015 received from Gen.(Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd), for information.


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