

## LOK SABHA

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### BULLETIN – PART II

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#### **Non-Official Visits abroad by Members of Parliament**

The following guidelines are to be observed by Members in connection with their non- official visits abroad:-

- (i) If any invitation from any foreign source namely, Government of any country, foreign organizations, etc. is received directly by a Member, a copy of such invitation letter giving full details of the purpose of the visits and the hospitality to be accepted should be sent to :
  - (a) the Ministry of External Affairs for political clearance; and
  - (b) the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division (FCRA), NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, Near Jantar Mantar, New Delhi) for accepting any foreign hospitality being offered during visits abroad.
- (ii) On receipt of political clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs and FCRA permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Member concerned shall keep the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Speaker, Lok Sabha informed, inter-alia, of the purpose of the visit and the hospitality proposed to be received.
- (iii) It may kindly be ensured that none of their activities during those visits give an unintended impression that Members are on an official visit on behalf of Parliament.

- (iv) Before accepting the hospitality the Members should satisfy themselves about the credentials of the organization / institution extending the hospitality.

Kind cooperation of the Members is solicited.

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