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**Government of India / भारत सरकार**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय**

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NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,  
New Delhi, dated, the 20 December, 2016

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

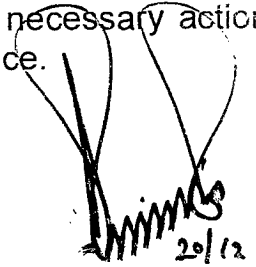
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**Sub :- Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2017 – Security arrangements in connection therewith.**

In connection with the Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2017, the following instructions are issued with regard to the security arrangements in Government Buildings under Ministry of Home Affairs security cover for strict compliance by all concerned:-

- (a) The rehearsals of Beating Retreat Ceremony will be held from 1530 hours on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017 and from 1700 hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The Full Dress Rehearsal will be held at 1700 hours on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, Special Show from 1700 hrs on 28<sup>th</sup> and Beating the Retreat Ceremony from 1700 hrs on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
- (b) No visitors will be allowed to enter North Block and South Block from the Gates opening towards Rajpath after 1300 hours on the days of the rehearsals and ceremony.
- (c) The windows/doors of offices located in North Block and South Block visible from Vijay Chowk must be covered with dark curtain/paper on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 to ensure that no light is visible from Rajpath/Vijay Chowk after 1300hrs on aforesaid mentioned dates.
- (d) No light should be switched on in the offices located in Vayu Bhawan, Rail Bhawan, Parliament House and Parliament Complex including the street lights on Rajpath, lights on India Gate and on top of Gurudwara Rakab Ganj after 1300hrs on above mentioned dates.
- (e) No person is allowed to appear during rehearsal days and on the final day of Beating Retreat Ceremony after 1300hrs at Vijay Chowk at the following points:
  - I. Windows of the North & South Blocks
  - II. Roofs of the North & South Blocks
  - III. Slope from President's House towards Vijay Chowk
  - IV. Places near to the location where camels are standing
- (f) It must be ensured that no smoke is allowed to emanate from North Block and South Block from 16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The incinerators located at North and South Blocks for the destruction of the waste paper should not be allowed to be operated on these days. Waste paper etc. accumulated on either side of Rajpath should be removed by 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. No accumulation be made thereafter. Necessary steps must be taken to remove inflammable items lying in the courtyards of North Block and South Block before the stipulated date.

- (g) No vehicle, Government or Private, will be parked on the Rajpath pavements in front of North Block and South Block on the above mentioned dates of rehearsals and the main ceremony.
- (h) Meetings, if any, be scheduled in the forenoon on the days of the rehearsals and the main ceremony, particularly where officers working in buildings other than North Block and South Block are required to attend.
- (i) No person under any circumstances shall be allowed to assemble in the lawns of North Block and South Block on above mentioned dates.
- (j) CPWD must ensure that flags on North Block and South Block and Parliament House are simultaneously lowered with the flag located at Vijay Chowk during Beating Retreat Ceremony.
- (k) The roofs of North Block and South Block and other buildings around Vijay Chowk should be properly inspected as a measure of fire safety. The security and other personnel deployed on duty in these buildings and on the Rajpath should be so positioned that they are not visible from Vijay Chowk.
2. All concerned may kindly make note of these arrangements for necessary action and give wide publicity amongst its employees to avoid any inconvenience.



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CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

To

1. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India (including PMO), Cabinet Sectt., as per standard list.
2. All Officers/Section/PSs/PAs in the Ministry of Home affairs.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police, I.P.Estate, New Delhi.
4. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic(CR), Delhi.
5. The Additional Commissioner of Police, New Delhi District.
6. The DIG (GBS), CISF, Jamnagar House, New Delhi.
7. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, CPWD, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. The Executive Engineer, 'C' Division/ 'F' Division, CPWD, I. P. Estate, New Delhi.
9. The Executive Engineer, (Civil), CPWD, South Block, New Delhi.
10. Director General, Works, CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. Security Officer, UPSC, New Delhi.