

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
D(CEREMONIALS)**

Subject:- **Republic Day Celebrations, 2020 - Issue of Invitation cards.**

It has been decided that as in the past, admission to the seating enclosures for the Republic Day Parade, 2020 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 28th and 29th January, 2020. It has been decided that the invitation cards for the main show on the 29th 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 28th 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, 2020, 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 23rd January in respect of Republic Day Parade and by 5.00 p.m. on 27th 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 **31.10.2019**. **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 **23.01.2020** positively.

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