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Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan,
Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi,
Dated: 28th August 2021

Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman
Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Kurmitola, Dhaka - 1229

Subject: Resumption of Air Bubble Flights between India and Bangladesh

Sir,

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, presents its compliments to the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) and has the honour to acknowledge the letter No. 30.31.0000.112.99.015.20-3225 dated 04.08.2021 for restart of flights under the India-Bangladesh air bubble arrangement.

2. This Ministry has examined the proposal in consultation with the health authorities of India and would like to propose resumption of operations under the Air Bubble with 7 frequencies per week (for carriers of either country). Accordingly the distribution of the Indian carriers under the Air Bubble are as follows.

Airline	Route	Allocation
SpiceJet	Delhi/Kolkata/Chennai/ Mumbai – Dhaka vv	3 freq/week
Indigo	Points in India – Dhaka vv	2 freq/week
Air India	Kolkata – Dhaka vv	2 freq/week
Total		7 freq/week

3. The distribution of frequencies among the Bangladeshi carriers may be conveyed to DGCA-India.

4. In this regard reference is invited to the Air Transportation Circular FSR-09/2021 dated 16.08.2021 issued by the CAAB. In the said circular, India has been placed under Group C and any passenger from India can travel to Bangladesh irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status. However, CAAB's aforesaid letter dated 04.08.2021 lays down specific categories of intended passengers who are allowed to travel between the two countries. In view of the above, CAAB may kindly clarify the categories of passengers who are currently allowed to travel to Bangladesh from India.

5. Passengers travelling from Bangladesh to India shall be mandatorily subjected to self-paid confirmatory molecular tests on arrival at the Indian airports concerned (port of entry). Part-B of the guidelines issued on 17.02.2021 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Government of India would be applicable to such passengers, as amended from time to time. It may be noted that passengers holding tourist visa not allowed to enter India as on date.

6. As regards restriction of passengers on a narrow-body aircraft, the Indian carriers have intimated that there are multiple configurations of narrow-body aircraft in their fleet. Therefore instead of a blanket restriction of 140 passengers per aircraft it is proposed that the capacity may be restricted to a specific percentage of the installed seat capacity of the aircraft (say 90% or 95%).

7. The air bubble may be resumed w.e.f. 03.09.21 till resumption of scheduled international passenger flights.

8. The CAAB may kindly convey their response on para 4 and 6 above at an early date.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Anup Pant)

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2. Joint Secretary (BM), Ministry of External Affairs
3. High Commissioner of India in Dhaka
4. DG, DGCA-India
5. Chairman, Airports Authority of India