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### WELFARE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs looks after the welfare of ailing Members of Parliament admitted for treatment in hospitals in Delhi. Arrangements are made with the leading hospitals in Delhi to obtain day-to-day information by fax and/or telephone regarding health condition of the ailing Members. The information is communicated to Ministers/Ministers of State/senior officers in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs as well as to the concerned parliamentary party offices. This information is also made available on this Ministry's official website (<http://www.mpa.nic.in/>). The officers of this Ministry pay visits to the hospitals to enquire about the health condition of the Members and to render any assistance required by them. The Minister/Ministers of State for Parliamentary Affairs and senior officers also make courtesy calls on the ailing Members admitted in hospitals as and when required. Format of daily report is at **Annex XI-A**.

In the unfortunate event of the passing away of a Member of Parliament in Delhi, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs renders all necessary assistance to the bereaved family members for transporting the mortal remains of the deceased Member to the place of last rites chosen by the family. The entire expenditure on embalming, coffin box, its sealing, and hearse van etc. is borne by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. Cost of transportation between the place of death and the place of last rites of the deceased MP, TA for one member of the family accompanying the body of the deceased MP is also borne by this Ministry (MHA O.M.No.25/1/84-Public dated 13 August, 1985).

A check list of procedure followed for transportation of dead body of the Member of Parliament is at **Annex XI-B**.

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Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, it is *inter alia*, incumbent on Members of Parliament going abroad to obtain political clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs and prior permission of the Ministry of Home Affairs, where such visits involve acceptance of “foreign hospitality” from a foreign government or organisation. This Ministry informs Members from time to time, about the procedure to be followed in this respect. Necessary assistance sought for by Members in this regard is also provided/extended.