

**High Commission of India
Singapore**

INFORMATION SHEET - VANDE BHARAT MISSION

1. In continuation of the efforts of the Government of India to ensure safe return passage of Indian Nationals stranded overseas owing to persistent travel restrictions and restricted availability of commercial air connectivity, certain flights, operated by Air India and Air India Express would continue to operate between Singapore and select destinations in India under the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM). Individuals who may require to avail these flights may go through the detailed guidelines in succeeding paragraphs.

Guidelines for Pre-travel Registration

2. Individuals are requested to register themselves with the High Commission of India, on the following links: -

(a) *Indian Nationals* - <https://www.hcisingapore.gov.in/registrationform>
advised to do so at the earliest.

(b) *Foreign Nationals (including OCI Card Holders)* -
<https://hcisingapore.gov.in/OCIFRNregistrationform>

3. ***Registration on these links is mandatory for availing special flights from Singapore to India by Indian Nationals as well as Foreign Nationals (including OCI Card Holders) at Singapore. From the list of reasons for travel (in the dropdown menu of registration form) please choose the one closest to your requirement of travel, if there is no exact match. Passengers not registered with HCI Singapore, will not be permitted to board the flights even with a valid ticket.***

4. ***Registration with HCI, Singapore is for the purpose of data collation and no further approval is needed from HCI Singapore for the purpose of availing online booking and travel to India for Indian Nationals and OCI card holders.***

Travel Documents

5. **Indian Nationals** traveling to India **MUST have passport validity for minimum 6 months** as on date of arrival in India.
6. Individuals requiring assistance regarding travel documents may apply for passport renewal/ extension of validity/ issue of Emergency Certificate on <https://embassy.passportindia.gov.in/>. For queries regarding renewal / extension of validity of passport, individuals may write to High Commission of India at passport.singapore@mea.gov.in.
7. **Foreign Nationals holding valid OCI Cards** may also avail flights being operated under VBM subject to meeting necessary travel criteria.
8. **Other Foreign Nationals** (except those on Tourist Visa) may also avail flights being operated under VBM, subject to meeting travel criteria on case-to-case basis as per guidelines promulgated by the Govt of India. Foreign Nationals who are not in possession of OCI Card and are desirous of availing special flights from Singapore to India may register themselves at the link indicated at Para 2 above and send specific requests, if any, to HCI, Singapore on madad.singapore@gmail.com.

Ticketing

9. **Tickets for ALL flights operated under VBM are available for online ticketing.**
10. Once registered with the High Commission of India and necessary pre-travel documentation is in order, individuals may book tickets for desired flights on official websites of **Air India (www.airindia.in)** and **Air India Express (www.airindiaexpress.in)** for AI and AIX flights respectively.
11. While availing online ticketing, passengers are advised to choose flights to destinations closest to their end destinations in India to avoid difficulties with regard to quarantine at airport of first arrival and onward travel to end destinations.

Health Protocols and Quarantine Regulations

12. Passengers may please note the following regarding pre-travel SOPs and health protocols for international arrivals in India: -

(a) **Pre-Travel Test.** *All passengers* travelling from Singapore to *any destination(s) in India* are to undergo pre-travel COVID-19 RT-PCR test within 72 hours prior undertaking the journey.

(Note: - Arrival in India without negative COVID-19 Test Report shall be allowed only for those travelling to India in the exigency of death of a family member.)

(b) Passengers desirous of **seeking exemption of pre-travel COVID-19 RT-PCR Test** shall apply for exemption on the **Air Suvidha** portal providing details of such exigency. The decision taken by the Government, as communicated on the online portal, will be final.

(c) **Documents to be Submitted Online.** All passengers are required to perform the following documentation online on the **Air Suvidha** portal <https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/apho-registration> before scheduled travel: -

(i) **Submission of 'Self Declaration Form'**. This is required to be performed **after ticketing**, since the portal requires PNR number of passenger as one of the mandatory data entry fields.

(ii) **Uploading Negative COVID-19 RT-PCR Test Result** (for sample collected within preceding 72 hours of scheduled ETD).

(iii) Each passenger shall also submit **a declaration with respect to authenticity of the report** and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise.

(iv) **Submission of 'Undertaking'** - They should also give an undertaking on the portal or otherwise to Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, through concerned airlines before they are allowed to undertake the journey stating that they would abide by the decision of appropriate government authority to undergo home quarantine/ self-monitoring of health as warranted/ directed by the competent medical authorities.

13. Additional health and movement protocols / specific local guidelines at destination airports, as promulgated by respective State Governments and local administrations / health authorities would also be applicable in addition to those listed at Para 12 above. These remain dynamic based on the status of pandemic and required degree of local movement control, as assessed by the local administration. Passengers are therefore advised to acquaint themselves with such additional local regulations, as may be applicable on the date of arrival in India. Necessary information is updated on official websites of respective State Governments / Health Authorities and Airport Controlling Authorities.

14. **Passengers are to arrange pre-travel COVID-19 RT-PCR testing independently** in their individual capacity and the same is NOT being arranged through Air India / Air India Express or the High Commission of India, Singapore.

15. Online services supported by the Government of Singapore for facilitation of pre-travel COVID-19 RT-PCR Tests through <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/pre-departure-test>, <https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/sending-workers-home>, **FORMSG LINK**, etc can continue to be used by individuals whose travel is supported by their respective employers.

16. **Urgent / Short Notice Requests**. With the aforesaid guidelines regarding necessity of pre-travel COVID-19 RT-PCR testing, **accommodation of passengers** on any of the VBM flights **at short notice without having negative RT-PCR test** result in respect of the individual **would not be feasible**, **except in exigency of death in the family and when exemption has been obtained by the individual from the Government of India through online process** described at Para 12 (b) above.

Common Guidelines for Outbound Passengers Availing Special Flights

17. The following will be checked by the Airline Staff prior issue of Boarding Pass:-

(a) Confirmation of individual's registration with the High Commission of India (as per Para 2 above).

(b) Online submissions of the passenger as per Para 12 (c) above (*viz* 'Self Declaration Form', 'Negative COVID-19 Test Report' and 'Undertaking' etc).

(c) Only Asymptomatic passengers in possession of negative COVID-19 RT-PCR Test Result (for sample collected within preceding 72 hours of scheduled ETD) will be permitted by the airline staff to board the aircraft.

Note:- (i) Airlines to allow boarding by only those passengers who have filled in the Self Declaration form on the Air Suvidha portal (uploaded the Negative RT-PCR test report).

(ii) At the time of boarding the flight, only asymptomatic travellers will be allowed to board after thermal screening.

(iii) All passengers are advised to download Aarogya Setu App on their mobile devices.

18. Passengers will be required to report at indicated terminal of Changi International Airport minimum **FOUR hours** prior scheduled departure.

19. Only bonafide passengers holding valid ticket (**no accompanying individuals**) will be permitted within Airport premises. Passengers requiring escort at Airport, owing to age, medical condition, etc may be permitted to be accompanied by one adult family member **at the discretion of Changi Airport Management**.

20. All passengers availing **special flights** are required to adhere to promulgated safe distancing measures and all other applicable pandemic related health protocols as follows: -

(a) Those promulgated by the Government of Singapore within the premises of Changi International Airport.

(b) The regulations of the airline during the flight.

(c) Those of respective State Governments at destination airports on arrival.

21. **Pregnant Passengers**. Pregnant passengers between 32 and 35 weeks of pregnancy period are required to be in possession of 'Fit to Fly Certificate' from a competent medical professional. **Airline policy does not permit passengers of pregnancy period of 36 weeks and above to fly with Air India.**

22. **Guidelines on Arrival**. Following guidelines will have to be abided by the passengers:-

(a) De-boarding should be done ensuring physical distancing.

(b) Thermal screening would be carried out in respect of all the passengers by the health officials present at the airport. The Self-declaration form filled online shall be shown to the airport health staff.

(c) The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated and taken to the medical facility as per health protocol. If tested positive, their contacts shall be identified and managed as per laid down protocol.

(d) Travellers coming from **Singapore [Included in the list of Countries at-risk on 09 Nov 21 and in Category 'A' on 12 Nov 21 (with whom Gol has mutual recognition for Vaccination Certificate)]** need to undertake the following measures:-

(i) ***If fully vaccinated, they shall be allowed to leave the airport and self-monitor their health for 14 days post arrival.***

(ii) ***If partially/ not vaccinated, the travellers need to undertake the following measures:-***

(aa) ***Submission of Sample for post- arrival COVID-19 test at the point of arrival after which they will be allowed to leave the Airport.***

(ab) ***Home Quarantine for 07 days.***

(ac) ***Re-test on the 8th day of arrival in India and if found Negative, further self-monitor of their health for next 7 days.***

(e) Travellers under home quarantine or self-monitoring, if develop sign and symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 or test positive for covid-19 on re-testing, will immediately self-isolate and report to their nearest health facility or call national helpline numbers(1075)/ state helpline number.

23. For further enquiries / clarifications, if any, please write to madad.singapore@gmail.com with reference of Name, Passport Number, Registration Number, Destination in India and specific request / emergency, if any.

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This Information Sheet is relevant only for travel from Singapore to India. For guidance on travel from India to Singapore please see Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) Singapore Website https://www.ica.gov.sg/enteringanddeparting/entry_requirements and additionally <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>