

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
D(Ceremonials)**

Subject: **Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Red Fort on  
15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.**

Ministry of External Affairs is requested to forward a list (in quadruplicate) in respect of the following latest by **15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017** so as to enable this Ministry to issue invitations for the aforesaid ceremony :-

- i) Heads of the Diplomatic Missions and the others of equivalent status posted in India.**
- ii) Members of the Diplomatic Corps of the status of Attaché and above including Defence Service Attachés who will be seated in a separate enclosure in the seating area below the Rampart.**

2. Due to limited seating capacity on the rampart, it will be possible for this Ministry to provide 180-190 seats only for the Heads of Missions or others of equivalent status posted in India.

3. It may please be indicated against each name in the list as to whether the diplomat is married or single.

4. It is possible that some important Diplomatic officials or delegations may be visiting Delhi at or around the time of the above function. Names of such officials/members of delegations who are desirous of being invited and should in the opinion of the Ministry of External Affairs be invited for the function may also be furnished as soon as the Ministry of External Affairs have information about their visit. Information about them and whether they would be accompanied by their wives/husbands may also kindly be furnished.

5. Ministry of External Affairs may also nominate a nodal officer who should be responsible for sending all such lists. The cards shall be delivered to him/her for distribution. The name, address and phone numbers (office as well as residential) of the nodal officer may please be intimated. All requests for guests from the Foreign Missions/diplomats may also be sent through the nodal officer.

**6. For queries, if any, please contact D(Ceremonials), Ministry of Defence at telephone No. 2301 2904 or 2301 6547.**

  
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