

No. 3/14/93-1PII/ 7901

Government of Punjab  
Department of General Administration  
(Protocol Wing)

To

All Heads of Departments, Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Registrar, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

Dated Chandigarh, the 6th May, 1999

Subject: Providing of State Hospitality to Various VIPs/ High Dignitaries.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to Punjab Government instructions issued by letter No. 119-3-(127)-2Pol. II-78/12 dated the 9th January, 1979 on the subject noted above and to say that in view of the severe financial constraints and to observe strict economy in Government expenditure and also to streamline the State Government policy for providing state guest facilities, the matter has been under active consideration of the Government from some time. After examining all pros and cons, it has been decided by the Government that state guest facility may be extended only to the VIPs/VHs during their visits to Punjab/Chandigarh as mentioned below:-

Category-I

1. President of India
2. Vice President of India
3. Prime Minister of India
4. Governors of States
5. Chief Justice of India
6. Speaker Lok Sabha
7. Cabinet Ministers of Union
8. Chief Ministers of States  
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission  
Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
9. Judges of the Supreme Court
10. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha  
Deputy Chief Ministers of States  
Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha  
Members of Planning Commission  
Ministers of State of the Union.
11. Attorney General of India  
Cabinet Secretary  
Comptroller and Auditor General of India  
Lieutenant Governor of Union Territories.

contd..2....

*J. Verma*

Chief of Staff holding the rank of Full General or equivalent rank.

2. In addition, the following dignitaries would also be treated as state guest by the Punjab Government when they officially visit Chandigarh/Punjab and their visits are connected with the affairs of the Punjab State:-

Category-II

1. Speakers of State Assemblies (Other States)
2. Chief Justice of High Courts (Other States)
3. Ministers of other States
4. Chairman, Minorities Commission  
Chairman, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission.  
Chairman, U.P.S.C.  
Judges of High Courts (other States)
5. Chairman, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.
6. Chief Secretaries of State Governments.  
Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities.  
Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes  
Members of Minorities Commission/Sch. Castes and Sch. Tribes Commission.
7. Secretaries to the Government of India.

Category-III

In exceptional cases, certain distinguished non-officials who happen to visit Punjab/Chandigarh and their visits are concerned with the affairs of the Punjab State, will also be treated as state guest subject to the approval of Chief Secretary, Punjab. It is also stipulated that state guest facility would be admissible for a maximum period of one week only.

Category-IV -Visits of Foreigners

As regards the visits of foreign dignitaries, the instructions issued by the Ministry of External Affairs from time to time will prevail.

contd..3...

Category-V- Others

For other dignitaries/delegations who happen to visit Punjab/Chandigarh and their visits are concerned with any Departments of the Government, the Administration Department, if considers necessary, may treat such dignitaries/delegations as state guests with the prior approval of the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab. However, all arrangements for such guests and expenditure, will be borne by the Department concerned.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly keep these guidelines in view while formulating proposals for providing a state guest facility to the VIPs/Dignitaries.

Yours faithfully,

*H.S. Pabla*

(H.S. Pabla)

Joint Secretary Political

Andst.No.3/14/93-1PII/7902 Dated 6.5.1999

*H.S. Pabla*

A copy is forwarded to all the Principal Secretaries, Financial Commissioners and Administrative Secretaries to Government, Punjab for information and necessary action.

*H.S. Pabla*  
Joint Secretary Political

Andst.No.3/14/93-1PII/7903 Dated 6.5.1999

*H.S. Pabla*

A copy is forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Secretaries/Private Secretaries to all Cabinet Ministers/Ministers of State, Punjab, for information of the Chief Minister/Cabinet Ministers/Ministers of State, Punjab.

*H.S. Pabla*  
Joint Secretary Political

Andst.No.3/14/93-1PII/7904 Dated 6.5.99

*H.S. Pabla*

A copy is forwarded to:-

1. Resident Financial Commissioner, Government of Punjab, Punjab Bhawan, New Delhi;
2. Director Hospitality, Punjab,

for information and necessary action.

*H.S. Pabla*  
Joint Secretary Political

-----

*H.S. Pabla*