

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,  
New Delhi, dated the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Republic Day Celebrations, 2026 - Security arrangement in connection therewith.**

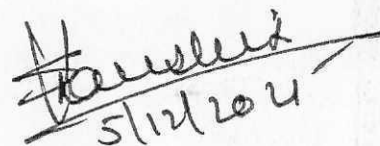
In connection with the Republic Day Celebrations, 2026, the following instructions are issued with regard to the security arrangements in Government Buildings under Ministry of Home Affairs security cover for strict compliance by all concerned :-

- (a) To ensure that the lights are not switched on in the offices located in North Block, South Block, Vayu Bhawan, Rail Bhawan, Parliament House and Parliament Complex including the street lights on Kartavya Path including lights on India Gate and on top of Gurudwara Rakab Ganj during rehearsal days and on the final day of Beating Retreat Ceremony, 2026 at Vijay Chowk.
- (b) CPWD must ensure that the lights of the rooms of North and South Block visible from Vijay Chowk are switched off during the Beating Retreat Show on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
- (c) To ensure that no person is allowed to appear during rehearsal days and on the final day of Beating Retreat Ceremony at Vijay Chowk at the following points :-
  - (i) Windows of the North & South Block.
  - (ii) Roofs of the North & South Block.
  - (iii) Slope from President's House towards Vijay Chowk.
  - (iv) Places near to the location where camels are standing.
- (d) It must be ensured that no smoke is allowed to emanate from North Block and South Block till 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The incinerators located at North and South Block for the destruction of the waste paper should not be allowed to be operated on these days. Waste papers etc. should not be accumulated on either side of Kartavya Path. Necessary steps must be taken to remove inflammable items lying in the courtyards of North Block and South Block before the stipulated date.
- (e) Meeting, if any, be scheduled in the forenoon on the days of the rehearsals and the main ceremony, particularly where officers working in buildings other than North Block and South Block are to attend.

(f) No person under any circumstances shall be allowed to assemble in the lawns of North Block and South Block on above mentioned dates.

(g) The roofs of North Block and South Block and other buildings around Vijay Chowk should be properly inspected as a measure of fire safety. The security and other personnel deployed on duty in these buildings and on the Kartavya Path should be so positioned that they are not visible from Vijay Chowk.

2. All concerned may kindly make note of this arrangement for necessary action and give wide publicity amongst its employees to avoid any inconvenience.

  
5/12/2024

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To,

1. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India (including PMO), Cabinet Sectt., as per standard list.
2. All Officers/Sections/PSs/PAs in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.
4. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic (CR), Delhi.
5. The Additional Commissioner of Police, New Delhi District.
6. DIG (GBS), CISF, 26, Man Singh Road, Jaisalmer House, New Delhi.
7. AC, RPF, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, CPWD, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. The Executive Engineer, 'C' Division/'F' Division, CPWD, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
10. The Executive Engineer, (Civil), CPWD, North Block, New Delhi.
11. Director General, Works, CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
12. Security Officer, UPSC, New Delhi.
13. SO (IT Cell), North Block, New Delhi - for uploading on MHA's website.