Security Advisory

The security situation in Afghanistan remains highly volatile, unpredictable and dangerous. In the year 2019, different terrorist groups operating in Afghanistan have escalated violent activities and carried out series of complex attacks in Kabul City and other parts of Afghanistan, mainly targeting Afghan Defense and Security Forces, Government Institutions, International Community and even the innocent civilians.

- 2. In view of the heightened threats, all Indian citizens are advised to exercise strict vigilance and caution with regard to security at workplace and place of residence as also during movement in the city. Avoid non-essential movements especially during peak commuting hours as Insurgents may target the military convoys, Afghan Govt. Ministries/offices, high ranking officials, Law Enforcing Agencies, International Guest Houses/Hotels/Compounds, Airports, vehicles carrying Afghan Govt. officials etc. Any outside movement may please be made as minimum as possible and as discrete as possible. Knowledge of arrival/ departure should be shared only on need to know basis. Movement should not have a predictable pattern and timing and routes taken should be changed to maintain the elements of surprise. One is expected to be in a high state of alertness during movements.
- 3. Non-essential visit to and within Afghanistan may be avoided. Traveling outside the main cities should only be undertaken by Air as most roads are unsafe and prone to attacks and illegal check posts put up by militants.
- 4. Please ensure arrangement of the proper security and safe house at the workplace and residence. However in case of any requirements/ assistance, the concerned Police district may be requested to provide immediate security assistance. Please keep the contact number of nearest PS in readiness to contact in any case of emergency.
- 5. Kidnapping has become a normal tactics of different terrorists and criminal groups and there have been inputs/incidents of kidnapping of members of International community. Therefore there should be no outside movements during odd hours without Armed Guard. Visit of unknown areas should be avoided.
- 6. If at all one has to stay in a Hotel in Kabul, Hotel Serena could be okay. Hotel Safi Land Mark and Hotel Park Star can also be thought of.
- 7. Kindly remain in contact with the Embassy of India, Kabul (Whatsapp No. +93706131611 / +93706519518) and with other colleagues. Keep following the mass media, to be aware of any untoward happening in the surroundings having bearing on security.
