

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(Security Office)

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS 2018:
SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS

General

1. Republic Day Parade is preceded by preparations for the events from the month of December onwards and the celebrations culminate with Beating the Retreat Ceremony on 29 Jan each year. There is always a terror threat when events of such magnitude are organized involving multiple agencies from across the country. The change in modus operandi by the terrorists by resorting to sneaking as well as stand-off attacks gives us all the more reasons to be highly alert and security conscious for the successful and smooth celebrations.

2. In view of above various security measures to be adopted during the Republic Day Celebrations and subsequent functions are given below :-

Closure of Offices & Reception Offices and Restrictions on Visitors. The offices will close early as per schedule below:-

S No	Date	Offices	Remarks
(a)	22 Jan 2018 and 23 Jan 2018 (Monday & Tuesday)	South Block, Sena Bhawan, Vayu Bhawan, E, G, H and J Blocks, A&B Blocks, L&M Blocks, Kashmir House and DRDO Bhawan.	Buildings will remain closed wef 22 Jan 2018 at 1730 hrs till 1300 hrs on 23 Jan 2018.
(b)	23 Jan 2018 (Tuesday)	-do-	No visitors (including foreign visitors) will be permitted , upto 1300 hrs
(c)	23 & 24 Jan 2018 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	-do-	Labour tokens will not be issued for entry of labourers for any renovation / maintenance / construction related work.
(d)	25 Jan 2018 (Thursday)	South Block, Sena Bhawan, Vayu Bhawan, E, G, H and J Blocks, A&B Blocks, L&M Blocks, Kashmir House and DRDO Bhawan.	Offices to be closed / vacated by 1200hrs to facilitate sanitization / security checks by security agencies.
(e)	26 Jan 2018 (Friday)	Reception Office at Gate No 9 South Block, Gate No 6 Vayu Bhawan and Gate No 1 DRDO Bhawan.	Open from 0500 hrs to 1300 hrs for entry of personnel with special entry permits only.
		All other buildings / offices will be sealed and remain closed.	
(f)	27 and 28 Jan 2018 (Saturday & Sunday)	South Block, Sena Bhawan, Vayu Bhawan, E, G, H and J Blocks, A&B Blocks, L&M Blocks, Kashmir House and DRDO Bhawan.	Buildings will have to be vacated by 1600 hrs for Full Dress Rehearsal of Beating Retreat Ceremony.

S No	Date	Offices	Remarks
(g)	29 Jan 2018 (Monday)	South Block, Sena Bhawan, Vayu Bhawan, E, G, H and J Blocks, A&B Blocks, L&M Blocks, Kashmir House and DRDO Bhawan.	Offices to be closed & vacated by 1200hrs to facilitate sanitization / security checks by security agencies.

3. Special entry permits for entry may be obtained from this office on the basis of requisitions duly signed by Head of the Department only. Requisitions to reach this office latest by 19 Jan 2018 for the under mentioned:-

- (a) Security personnel at roof tops (SPG / Delhi Police).
- (b) Telephone Exchange duties.
- (c) Hoisting / Lowering of National flag.
- (d) Switching on / off lights.
- (e) Ops rooms INCP / Vayu Bhawan / MO Dte / DNO.

Rehearsal Schedule (Beating the Retreat)

4. Details of schedule of rehearsal and **closure of Gates of South Block** for the same are indicated below :-

S No	Rehearsal / Activity	Action
(a)	16, 17, 19 and 22 Jan 2018 at 1530 hrs between South Block and North Block. (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Monday)	Gate No 2 of South Block will be closed at 1300 hrs and reopened after the rehearsals. No movement of pedestrian traffic between South Block & North Block will be permitted.
(b)	24, 27 and 28 Jan 2018 at 1700 hrs. (Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday)	The pedestrian traffic will be blocked between South Block & North Block from 1630 hrs to 1900 hrs. Gate No 2 of South Block will remain closed .
(c)	29 Jan 2018. (Monday)	All gates of North Block and South Block facing Rajpath will be closed at 1300 hrs and reopened after the ceremony is over.
(d)	25 Jan 2018 & 29 Jan 2018. (Thursday & Monday)	Gates No 3, 4 & 5 of South Block and Gates No 1, 2, 3 of North Block will remain open . The employees going out through Gate No 3 of South Block to North Block will not be allowed to cross the Rajpath straight but will move in 'U' form and cross the Rajpath only at one place, ie, in front of Gate No 4/5 of South Block and Gate 1/2 of North Block in a specified corridor. These arrangements will be enforced / monitored by Delhi Police.
(e)	25 Jan 2018 & 29 Jan 2018. (Thursday & Monday)	Crossing of Rajpath between South Block and North Block from the passage indicated in (d) above shall also be closed between 1630 hrs to 1700 hrs and between 1800 hrs to 1830 hrs to allow the vehicles of dignitaries to pass through without any obstruction. This will be monitored & enforced by Delhi Police.
(f)	28 Jan 2018 & 29 Jan 2018 (Sunday & Monday)	Strictly no vehicle will be parked on Dara Shukoh Road & Rajaji Marg opposite DRDO Bhawan and Sena Bhawan. Traffic Police will tow away defaulting vehicles.

