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REQUEST FOR OBSERVATION OF CERTAIN PROTOCOLS IN THE VICINITY OF NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

Sir,

Prome Uebsite National War Memorial spread over 40 acres is an iconic monument which was build rola 1. under the aegis of the MoD steered by HQ IDS at C Hexagon recently and dedicated to the Armed Forces of India by the Prime Minister on 25 Feb 2019. As expected, the monument is being visited by large number of visitors on a routine basis. As per available data the average daily footfall on weekdays is over 10,000 which swells beyond 20,000 over the weekends. Being a national monument of immense importance located at the heart of National Capital, not only the footfall will increase, the monument will routinely be visited by various delegations / visiting heads of state from foreign countries.

Retreat Ceremony is carried out every evening just before the sunset. The same is 2. witnessed on daily basis by a large number of visitors. It is brought out that as part of the ceremony, the National Flag along with Services flags are lowered while sounding a bugle call. The entire ceremony lasts for less than 15 minutes. Any music or loud sounds in the vicinity of the monument at the time of bugle call during the Retreat Ceremony causes avoidable disturbance.

It is therefore requested that organizers of various events in the vicinity of India Gate and 3. National War Memorial be sensitized to avoid playing any music for about half an hour before the sunset. Timings can be further coordinated by the respective functionaries on ground with the National War Memorial staff.

For information, please.

For kind concurrence and issue of necessary instructions to all concerned, please. 4.

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