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To:

Sh Anurag Thakur,

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting,

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

## **Sub: visual coverage of Independence Day function at Red Fort**

Dear Sir,

This is to draw your kind attention to the visual coverage of the Independence Day at the Ramparts of the Red Fort and from the ground on August 15, 2021. Once again, second year in succession, photo journalists and video cameramen are feeling frustrated as they have been denied access to the national function, in the name of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Sir, the Ramparts at Red Fort is an open area with a large scope for accommodating the visual media (photo journalists and video cameramen) maintaining social distancing. For taking the close up's of the PM delivering his address to the nation, as per the practice followed in successive years, we are allowed one-by-one from a distance, near the podium.

An added coverage will be the presence of Indian Olympic squad, specially being invited by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. This coverage can be done by the visual media being positioned at a reasonable distance.

This will be a historic coverage for visual media to cover without causing any issues of security or Covid 19 protocols.

We are requesting you to use your good office in facilitating this coverage by taking up the matter immediately with the PMO/ relevant departments. We will be highly obliged for your kind consideration.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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Cc: Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, PMO