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1. Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Friendship Lounge,
Third Floor,
The Ashok,
Diplomatic Enclave,
50-B, Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi- 110021
Ph. 91-11-2611 0101
Fax. 91-11-26114401, 91-11-26873216
Website: <http://www.theashok.com/>

The Ashok is a five-star hotel, centrally located at the diplomatic enclave and close to most of the embassies.

The location can be seen on the link below:

[https://www.google.co.in/maps/place/Ashoka+Florist+\(inside+Ashok+Hotel\)/@28.5966924,77.1944992,17z/data=!4m5!1m2!2m1!1sthe+Ashok+Hotel!3m1!1s0x0:0x8115d4339701508d](https://www.google.co.in/maps/place/Ashoka+Florist+(inside+Ashok+Hotel)/@28.5966924,77.1944992,17z/data=!4m5!1m2!2m1!1sthe+Ashok+Hotel!3m1!1s0x0:0x8115d4339701508d)

2. Agenda and Meeting Papers

The agenda and meeting papers will be posted on the following website:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/londongroup/meeting20.asp>

3. Registration for the Meeting

Registration for the meeting will take place at 9.00 am to 9.30 am on 15th October 2014 in the Reception area of Venue. Please carry a personal identification with you (passport for delegates from abroad).

4. Delegate Information

A final list of participants will be circulated at the event, including contact details to support future networking.

5. Refreshments and Dietary Requirements

Lunch will be provided on all three days of the event at no cost to delegates.

Tea/Coffee will be provided during breaks in the morning and afternoon.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise us as soon as possible, by e-mail to: lgmdelhi-mospi@nic.in

6. Wifi Access and Power

The venue offers Wifi access. A laptop with Internet connection will be provided at the conference hall for usage during presentation and otherwise.

India has power plugs at 230V, 50Hz (Type C and D plugs). However, it will be useful to carry a universal adaptor for your equipment.

7. Accommodation Arrangements

The meeting venue is “The Ashok” which is a 5 star hotel centrally located. The Ashok has offered special rates for the delegates of the London Group Meeting. The following are the discounted rates offered by the hotel for the two types of rooms for the stay of the guests.

Room Type	Special Tariff For Main Wing	Special Tariff for Tower Block
Single Occupancy Room	Rs. 9500.00	Rs.7500.00
Double Occupancy Room	Rs. 10000.00	Rs. 8000.00
Executive Room	Rs. 11000.00	-----
Suite	Rs. 13000.00	-----

Currently the exchange rate is 1 USD= Rs. 60, 1 PS= Rs. 100, 1 Euro=Rs. 80.
(Approx)

Kindly note the following:

- The special tariff is **inclusive of all Government taxes, service charge and D. Vat on the buffet breakfast.**
- Complimentary buffet breakfast in the Coffee shop.
- Complimentary internet service (Wi-Fi) in all rooms.
- Tea/coffee makers shall be provided in all rooms & suites on complimentary terms.
- The above special offer is inclusive of complimentary use of Hotel's in house GYM and swimming-pool.
- All guests booked for LG meeting will be accorded VIP courtesies include–fresh fruits, soft drinks, bottle water and flowers.

For reservations in The Ashok, please send email to the following email IDs along with name and other particulars and period of stay. The email may also state that you are part of the delegation attending the London Group meeting.

ashokmarketing@gmail.com

ashokrooms@gmail.com

A copy of the email may also be sent to us in the following email ID to coordinate with the hotel:

lgmdelhi-mospi@nic.in

Payment may be made at the hotel reception at the time of check-in. Advance payment is not required.

Please send the booking request by 30th September 2014.

8. Hotels (other than The Ashok) Close To The Venue

Details of hotels close to the Venue – The Ashok are provided at the end of this document.

Please also refer to hotel booking sites like expedia.com, hotels.com and similar sites for other options and rates.

9. Administrative Support and Contact Information

If you require any administrative support during the event, there will be someone available at the event to help you.

If you need to leave details of where you can be contacted during the meeting, please use the following telephone numbers for the hotel reception at the venue. Arrangements will then be made to get messages to you in the meeting:

+91-11-26110101(The Ashok)

If you need to contact the meeting organisers for any assistance, the following from our team will be available as the emergency out of hours contact.

Telephone details are as follows:

James Mathew **+91 8130977344/+91 9968213652**

Rakesh Kumar Maurya **+91 9871420019**

Ms Avneet Kaur **+91 9899441408**

10. Travel Information

1. Airport links – by Radio Taxi /Prepaid Taxi/ Hotel Pick-up /Delhi metro

(a) By Radio Taxi

For the convenience of all passengers Radio Taxi Services are available at the Delhi International Airport with three Cab operators:

Meru Cabs – located at T3 International Airport arrivals (both International & Domestic Terminals).

Mega Cabs – located at T3 International Airport arrivals (both International & Domestic Terminals)

Easy Cabs – located at T1C Domestic Arrival Terminal.

It is easy to hire a cab at the airport. The counters of the above taxi service providers are just outside the terminal. (Gate 5 or 6 of international terminal). These are metered taxis. The rates are about Rs. 23 per Kilometre (1 US\$= Rs 60). There will be a parking charge of Rs. 90 and night charges as applicable. The service is post-paid. Please tell the taxi operator your destination and he will guide you to the taxi. You may ask for a receipt at the end of the trip. No mandatory tips. The cabs are air-conditioned with digital meters integrated with the GPS system to ensure every fare is tracked. Services are available round the clock. These services are centrally monitored and are safe. The distance from the airport to The Ashok is about 16 kms.

(If you face any difficulty in hiring a taxi at the airport please report to the nearest police/security personnel. He/she will assist you and ensure that you are placed safely in a taxi.)

Note: For reserving a Taxi any time during your stay the following are the contact details.

Meru Cabs:

www.merucabs.com; Phone :+91 114422 4422

Mega Cabs :

www.megacabs.com. Phone No: +91 11 41414141

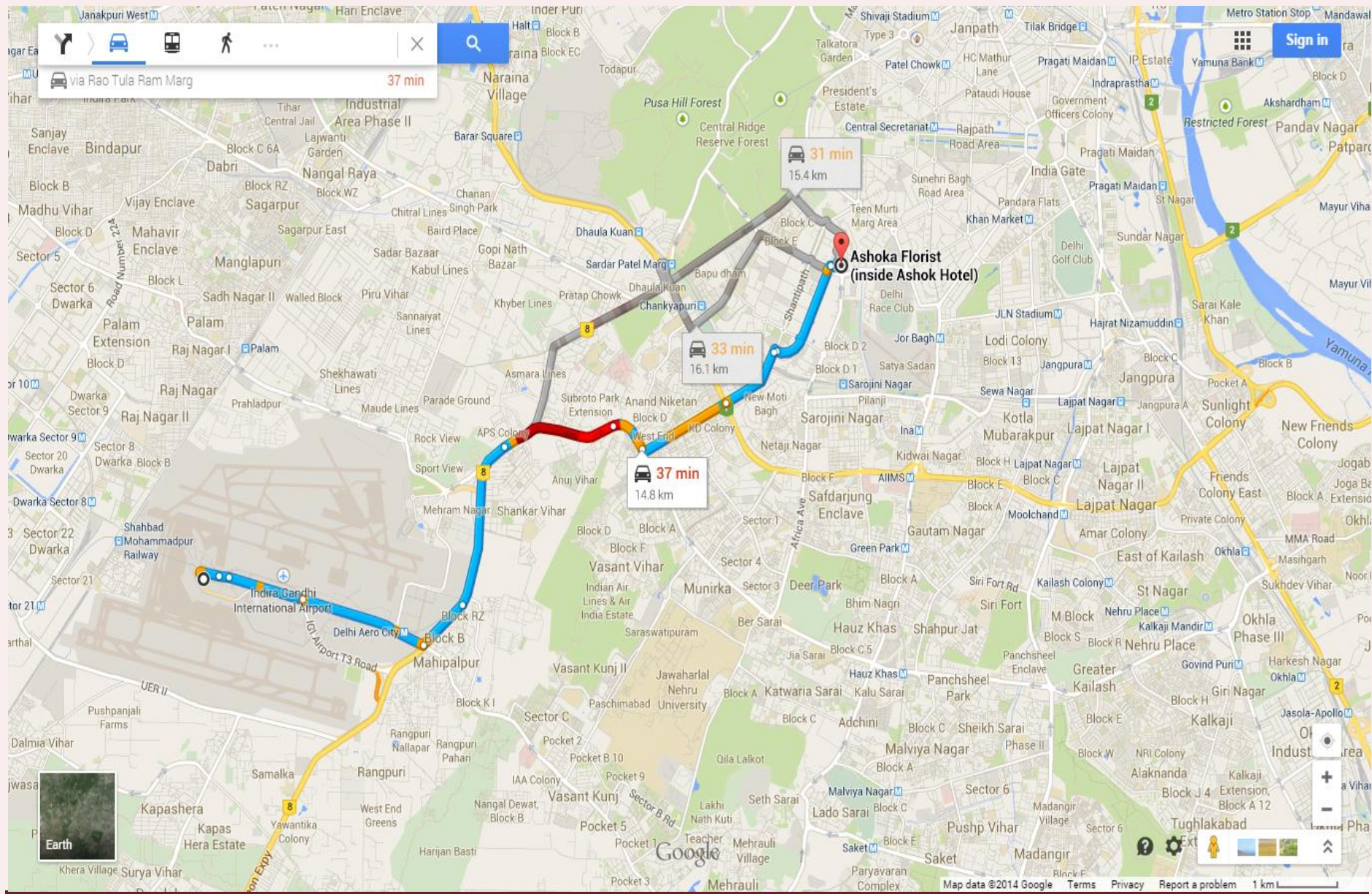
Easy Cabs:

www.easycabs.com ; Phone NO: +91 11 43434343

The best **taxi route** available to the venue from the IGI airport terminal 3 is available at:

[https://www.google.co.in/maps/dir/T3+Arrival,+T3+Arrival+Road,+IGI+Airport,+Delhi/Ashoka+Florist+\(inside+Ashok+Hotel\)/@28.5726186,77.1762121,13z/data=!4m13!4m12!1m3!2m2!1d77.0862016!2d28.5557293!1m5!1m1!1s0x0:0x8115d4339701508d!2m2!1d77.195971!2d28.596768!3e0!5i2](https://www.google.co.in/maps/dir/T3+Arrival,+T3+Arrival+Road,+IGI+Airport,+Delhi/Ashoka+Florist+(inside+Ashok+Hotel)/@28.5726186,77.1762121,13z/data=!4m13!4m12!1m3!2m2!1d77.0862016!2d28.5557293!1m5!1m1!1s0x0:0x8115d4339701508d!2m2!1d77.195971!2d28.596768!3e0!5i2)

The route map is reproduced below for your convenience.



(b) Pre-Paid Taxi Services

Delhi Traffic Police is providing '**Prepaid Taxi Service**' for arriving passengers at Domestic and International Terminals to ensure safe travel up to their destination. Approved rate of fare for various locations in the city are displayed inside the counter. Prepaid taxi counters are located outside customs hall in concessionaire area and outside Arrival Visitors Lounge (West Wing). Payment is made in advance at counters and coupons are issued. Please make sure, you collect the coupon and hand it over at the destination while alighting. Pickup points are located just outside the terminals.

Pre-paid taxis are not air conditioned. These taxis may not be in good condition.

(c) Hotel Pick up Services – The Ashok

You may also request your hotel to arrange pick up from airport. All hotels have pick up services with a fee.

Hotel Ashok is providing Pick Up Services to guests with the following rates.

1. Indigo/Dezzaire car - Rs 1050 (Approx USD 18)
2. Innova (SUV) - Rs 1200 (Approx USD 20)

If you require this service please include this request in your email to Ashok along with room reservation request. Ashok will also include the fare with room charges, if you request them. The fare can also be paid separately.

Airport drop services are also available with similar rates. Other Hotels also offer the service.

(d) By Delhi Airport Metro

One may take the “orange” line of Delhi Metro from the airport, starting at “T3/Aerocity” stations and get off at “Dhaura Kuan” Station and take a cab/Taxi from there to the venue. The detailed information on the metro route is as follows:

<http://www.delhimetrorail.com/Airport-Express-Line/metrofaresEng.pdf>

3. Reaching the Venue

If you are staying in any hotel other than The Ashok, Taxi would be the best mode of transport to the venue. Please note that the nearest Metro station to the venue – The Ashok is ‘ **Race Course metro station**’ which is about 2 Km away. You may take a taxi or a three-wheeler to the meeting venue from the Race Course metro station. By walking it will take about 25 minutes.

4. Currency Exchange

Indian rupee is the local currency. You need to pay for taxi in rupees. Currency exchange service is available at the airport. While most of the currencies are exchanged here for Indian Rupees, it is advised to carry US/Canadian/Australian Dollar, UK Pound or Euros. As transaction commission at the airport is high, please exchange only limited amount (say USD 50) at the airport. City exchange centres (also bank inside the hotel Ashok) will provide a better exchange rate.

3. Sight-Seeing Tours:

As many participants are visiting New Delhi for the first time, delegates may prefer to have a free evening to explore the city. Therefore we have not kept any fixed evening programme like dinner. However for the convenience of the delegates we have requested India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) to arrange two tours (on payment basis). The following are the proposed sightseeing tours.

1. **Delhi Tour** (about 5 hours): This will be organised on 16th October 2014. The tour will start from Ashok Hotel at 16.00 hours. (Chairman, London Group has agreed to consider closing the day's agenda by 16.00 hours). The tour will take delegates to important land marks of Delhi (due to paucity of time all land marks may not be covered) and to a Light and Sound Show at the Old Fort, Delhi. Return to The Ashok by 9 PM. Cost will be about Rs 600 (\$10) including the required passes, Guide(Dinner not included).
2. **Agra Tour to visit Taj Mahal.** This tour is planned on Saturday, 18th October 2014. The Bus will leave The Ashok at 6 AM and return by 4.30 PM. Agra is about 230 Kilometers from Delhi. This tour is suitable if your departure flight leaves after 9 PM on 18th October. The tour will take the visitors to Taj Mahal in Agra. The cost is about Rs 3600 (\$60). Minimum 20 persons are needed for this tour. Charges include passes to Taj Mahal. Food not included.

A counter of Ashok Travels and Tours (A Government Agency) will be available at the venue for any other travel/tour assistance.

11. Local Information

1. Climate

Weather in Delhi is pleasant in middle of October. Maximum temperature would be around 30 degree Celsius. Minimum temperature would be around 18 degree Celsius. The season is pleasant. You may however carry some light woollen cloths for evenings.

2. Time Zone

India Time Zone is UTC/GMT+05:30 hrs.

3. Getting around in Delhi

(a) Radio Taxi

If you would like to hire a Cab in Delhi, you can easily avail professional, comfortable, air-conditioned Radio taxi services from various Radio Cab companies.

Radio Taxis are available for local commuting as well as long distance purposes.

A few leading radio taxi operators' numbers:

- Delhi Cab: 91-11-44333222
- Easy Cab: 91-11-43434343
- Quick Cabs: 91-11-45333333
- Meru Cabs: 91-11-44224422
- Mega cab: 91-11-41414141

(b) Delhi Metro

The following link provides the guide map to Delhi metro:

<http://www.delhimetrorail.com/big-route-map.aspx>

The fare chart is as follows:

http://www.delhimetrorail.com/OtherDocuments/commuters_guide/pdf/Eng_Fare_Chart.pdf

It is advisable that for sight-seeing one buys the “smart cards” for Delhi metro. The details of which are as follows:

http://www.delhimetrorail.com/OtherDocuments/commuters_guide/pdf/Smart_Card_Folder_English_May_2012.pdf

For any further information, one may see the commuters guide at:

http://www.delhimetrorail.com/OtherDocuments/commuters_guide/pdf/commuters_guide_english.pdf

4. Sight-seeing information

- For information on Link to Delhi Tourism website:

<http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/index.jsp>

- Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus service :

The Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus service provides sightseeing options to tourists who are willing to explore Delhi with a more flexible schedule. The route of these buses covers monuments, museums, galleries, gardens, shopping malls, hotels and bazaars. Bookings can be made online.

These tours are conducted in specially designed buses which move continuously along a route, allowing tourists to board or alight at any of the pick up/drop off points. For more information please visit:

<http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/transport/hoho.jsp>

12. List of Hotels close to the Venue

Hotel Name	Address	Telephone number	Approximate Distance from venue (in km)
Samrat Hotel http://hotelsamrat.co.in/en/	Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri New Delhi, DL 110021	011 2611 0606	1.0
Claridges Hotel http://www.claridges.com/	12, Aurangzeb Rd New Delhi, DL 110011	011 3955 5000	2.2
ITC Maurya	Diplomatic Enclave, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi, DL 110021	011 2611 2233	3.8
Taj Palace Hotel	2, Sardar Patel Marg, Palika Vihar, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, DL 110021	011 2611 0202	4.0
The Oberoi Hotel http://www.oberoihotels.com/oberoi_delhi/	Dr Zakir Hussain Marg New Delhi, DL 110003	011 2436 3030	5.5
Vivanta by Taj – Ambassador http://www.vivantabytaj.com/ambassador-new-delhi/overview.html	Subramania Bharti Marg, Sujan Singh Park New Delhi, DL 110003	011 2463 2600	3.8
The Taj Mahal Hotel http://www.tajhotels.com/Lux	No.1, Man Singh Road New Delhi, DL 110011	011 2302 6162	3.2

ury/City-Hotels/The-Taj-Mahal-Hotel-New-Delhi/Overview.html			
The Leela Palace New Delhi http://www.theleela.com/locations/new-delhi/contact-hotel	Chanakyapuri, Diplomatic Enclave New Moti Bagh New Delhi, DL 110023	011 3933 1234	2.5
Hyatt Regency Delhi http://delhi.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?src=agn_phd_hr_lclb_gplaces_delrd	Bhikaiji Cama Place Ring Road New Delhi, DL 110066	011 2679 1234	3.9
Le Meridien	Windsor Pl, Janpath, Connaught Place New Delhi, DL 11000	011 2371 0101	5.5
Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, New Delhi http://www.shangri-la.com/newdelhi/erosshangrila/	19, Ashoka Rd, Janpath, Connaught Place New Delhi, DL	011 4119 1919	5.8

Please also refer to hotel booking sites like expedia.com, hotels.com and similar sites for other options and rates.