

IMMEDIATE

PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERAGE OF DR. ZAKIR HUSAIN'S
FUNERAL

Dear Sir,

The Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhawan where Dr. Zakir Hussain's body is lying in state will be closed to the public at 13.00 hours tomorrow, May 5, 1969. Correspondents and cameramen will not be permitted inside the Darbar Hall after 13.00 hours.

The body will be brought out of the Darbar Hall at 16.15 hours and will lie in state ^{at} the landing on top of the steps. After the President's Body Guard have presented the national salute, the body will be brought into the forecourt and will be placed on a raised platform. Janaza prayers will be said in the forecourt before the body is placed on the gun carriage.

Rashtrapati Bhawan have agreed to place a tiered stand in the forecourt to accommodate a limited number of cameramen. Those interested are requested to take up positions on the tiered stand by 15.30 hours. A limited number of correspondents will also be permitted into the forecourt. They may take up positions on the ground near the tiered stand.

Rashtrapati Bhawan

Rashtrapati Bhawan have also agreed to allow cameramen to operate from the Jaipur Column. Those interested in taking pictures from the Jaipur Column are also requested to take up positions there by 15.30 hours.

The Ministry of Defence have agreed to provide four ~~tiere~~ stands, one each at Vijay Chowk, India Gate, the prayer ground in Jamia Millia and the burial ground. Accommodation on the four ~~tiere~~ stands will be limited. Cameramen operating from one ~~tiere~~ stand will not be permitted to shift to the other. It will, therefore, be preferable for cameramen to take up positions on the tiered stand of their choice well in advance.

The cortege will leave Rashtrapati Bhawan for Jama Millia at 17.00 hours. The Ministry of Defence have provided two 3-ton trucks for accredited cameramen. F.I.B. will provide a bus for correspondents. The trucks and the bus will move at the head of the procession. The trucks and the bus will be parked between the North and South Blocks. Correspondents and cameramen are requested to take up positions in the trucks and the bus before 16.45 hours.

At India Gate, the trucks and the bus will break off from the procession and proceed to Jamia Millia at speed. Correspondents and cameramen may take up positions at the ~~tiere~~ stands at the prayer ground and the burial platform. At the prayer ground, the ~~tiere~~ stand will be common to correspondents and cameramen but at the burial platform

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there will be separate enclosures for correspondents and cameramen.

Correspondents/cameramen are requested to collect the their Admit Cards from the Press Information Bureau tomorrow before 13.00 hours.

Yours faithfully,

M. L. Bhardwaj

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