

Alert; "Continuous ban on Commercial International Flights to India, "

Despite the ban on travel by commercial international flights to India, some passengers unknowingly purchasing tickets to travel to India through Istanbul Airport and getting stuck in the transit area of the airport as the airlines are refusing to issue boarding passes for onward travel.

Turkey has lifted all air travel restrictions since June 2020. As a result all flights, especially those operated by Turkish Airlines, are plying to Turkey. The passengers are buying tickets to India transiting through Istanbul and other third country transit points like Doha, Oman, Dubai etc. Once they reach Istanbul, they are refused the onward boarding pass because of the travel restrictions to India. As a result, they get stuck in the transit area. Within a day or two, their COVID Test validity also expires, which is further accentuating their misery.

In view of continuous restrictions on commercial flights for travel to India, routine travel through third country is not allowed. The passengers are strictly advised not to book the tickets for travel through Turkey particularly and the other transits routinely as they may get stranded in the transit areas.

The airline which sells the tickets, is solely responsible for the plight of the stranded passengers.
