

No. 25022/24/2020 – F.V
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi
Dated: 19.03.2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Subject: Grant of consular services on gratis basis to foreign nationals presently residing in India affected by travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the "Consolidated Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare dated 11.03.2020 and dated 17.03.2020; Bureau of Immigration's travel advisories No. 1/Comm/Bol/2020-81 dated 11.03.2020, No. 1/Comm/Bol/2020-84 dated 13.03.2020 and No. 1/comm./Bol/2020-87 dated 16.03.2020 and this Ministry's O.M. No. 25022/12/2017-Imm. Dated 14.03.2020 regarding restriction on international passenger traffic in view of Government's effort to curb the spread of COVID-19.

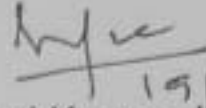
2. As a number of foreign nationals are in the country since imposition of travel restrictions and are unable to exit the country during the validity of their visa, it has been decided to provide the **essential** consular services by Office of the Foreigners Regional Registration Officers/ Foreigners Registration Officers to foreign nationals, **presently in India**, as follows:

"Regular visa, e-visa or stay stipulation of all foreign nationals, which have expired or would be expiring during the period from 13.03.2020 (Midnight) to 15.04.2020 (Midnight), would be extended till midnight of 15.04.2020 on 'GRATIS' basis after making online application by the foreigner. Exit of such foreign nationals, if so requested by them during this period, will be granted without levy of overstay penalty."

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3. Bureau of Immigration is accordingly requested to convey the above instructions to all FRROs/FROs/Immigration Check Posts.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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(Manoj Kumar Jha)

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To:

1. The Foreign Secretary, South Block, New Delhi.
2. Bureau of Immigration [Shri Rajeev Ranjan Verma, Additional Director], East Block, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.
3. Ministry of External Affairs [Dr. Adarsh Swaika, Joint Secretary(CPV)], Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi.
4. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare [Shri Luv Agarwal, Joint Secretary(PH)], Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary of Home Department of all State Governments & Union Territory Administrations.

Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble HM.
2. Sr. PPS to Home Secretary.
3. DDG (Media), MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
3. Cabinet Secretariat [Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Joint Secretary].
4. Under Secretary (Immigration)/Under Secretary (Foreigners)
5. Section Officers, Visa Sections, Foreigners Division.