

TRAVEL ADVISORY

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Subject: TRAVEL AND VISA RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

Attention of all concerned is invited to the **TRAVEL ADVISORIES** issued from time to time on the abovementioned subject.

2. As the **Travel Restrictions for VISA and OCI card holders**, which were already in effect since March 18, 2020 at 1200 hrs (GMT), have been extended, all visa restrictions notified earlier **shall remain in force till prohibition on international air travel of passengers from/to India is lifted by the Govt. of India.**

3. All existing visas issued to nationals of any country except those issued to Diplomats, Official passport holders, those in UN/International organizations, those on Employment, Project visas and those who are operating aircrew of scheduled commercial airlines, and who had not yet entered India, stand suspended w.e.f. 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 till prohibition on international air travel of passengers from/to India is lifted by the Govt. of India.

4. Visas of all foreign nationals already in India remain valid. They may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc. of their visa or grant of any consular service. Visa services granted on account of COVID-19 are **GRATIS**.

5. The Visa free travel facility granted to **OCI card holders** shall also continue to be kept in **abeyance till prohibition on international air travel of passengers from/to India is lifted by the Govt. of India.** In case of persons holding OCI card who are already in India, the OCI card shall remain valid for their stay in India for any length of time.

6. All scheduled international commercial passenger services shall remain closed until further directions from the Govt. of India.

7. The above are temporary measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19, and are subject to review by Govt. of India.

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