

## **TRAVEL ADVISORY**

**16.04.2020**

**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 till May 03, 2020 1830 hrs (GMT), all the earlier visa restrictions notified earlier **shall remain in force till May 3, 2020.**

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 May 3, 2020.

3. 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.**

4. The Visa free travel facility granted to **OCI card holders** shall also continue to be kept in **abeyance till May 03, 2020.** 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.

5. All scheduled international commercial passenger services shall remain closed till May 03, 2020, 1830 hrs GMT. No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall take passengers from any foreign airport for any airport in India, after 0001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (0530 hrs Indian Standard Time (IST) of March 22, 2020). No incoming scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to disembark its passengers on Indian soil **(Foreigner or Indian)** after 2001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (0131 hrs IST of March 23, 2020). These instructions shall remain in force **till 1830 hrs GMT of May 3, 2020.**

6. 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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Brussels**