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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. TT-202 8/2020

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Dated:- 05.03.2020

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the positive cases confirmed in India.

2. The Ministry of Tourism has been receiving information of several cases whereby foreign tourists are being denied entry into hotels / other establishments and are being advised to leave the cities/ towns immediately by the local / district authorities. These include foreign tourists who have had no exposure to the virus or persons who have tested positive for the virus. This is causing unnecessary panic and harassment to the tourists.

3. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued Guidelines for prevention of transmission and disinfection of hotels/ lodging facilities where suspect/ confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases have been housed (copy enclosed) and these have been circulated by us to all Travel and Hospitality related Associations for information and compliance.

4. However, in case of tourists with no exposure, it is requested that necessary instructions may be issued to district collectors / concerned local officials, **not** to stop their entry and to allow them to check in to hotels and if required medical testing of the tourists may be undertaken as per prescribed procedures. All hotels and other accommodation units may also be advised accordingly.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Yogendra Tripathi)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Copies of the latest Travel Advisories dated 10/03/2020, issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare & Instructions issued by Bureau of Immigration dated 11/03/2020 are forwarded herewith for information & wide Circulation.

(Dr. Jose O.A. D'Sa)

Director of Health Services

To,

1. All the Heads of the department.
2. The OSD to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
3. The OSD to the Hon'ble Health Minister.
4. The PA to Chief Secretary.
5. All the Corporations /Autonomous bodies, Statutory Bodies under the Govt. of Goa.
6. Directorate of Information & Publicity for Wide Circulation.
7. Guard File
8. O/c

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

As on 10-03-2020

Government of India

Ministry of Health & FW

Additional Travel Advisory (II) for COVID-19 for Indians intending to travel abroad

More than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID19. People traveling to these countries or people who have travelled abroad might come in contact with people affected with COVID-19 during their stay or even while in transit at the airports. Within these countries, few countries have reported very large number of cases and deaths putting passengers from these countries particularly at higher risk of infection.

In view of the above, Indian citizens are advised:

- i. To avoid non- essential travel abroad.
- ii. They are further strongly advised to refrain from travelling to China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, Japan, France, Spain and Germany.

As on 10-03-2020

Government of India

Ministry of Health & FW

Additional Travel Advisory (I) for COVID-19 on Home Isolation

More than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID-19. People traveling to these countries or people who have travelled abroad might possibly have come in contact with people affected with COVID-19 during their stay or even while in transit at the airports. Within these countries, few countries have reported very large number of cases and deaths putting passengers from these countries particularly at higher risk of infection.

Accordingly, in addition to the consolidated travel advisory issued on 6 th March, 2020, the following are advised:

- i. All incoming international passengers returning to India should self-monitor their health and follow required Do's and Dont's as detailed by Government.
 - ii. Further, all passengers having travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, France, Spain and Germany are advised to undergo self-imposed quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival. If such passengers are working in some organizations/institutions, their respective employers are advised to facilitate work from home during this period.
 - iii. With respect to restrictions on visa, besides the already issued instructions, all regular Visas (including e Visas) which have been granted to nationals of France, Germany and Spain on or before 11.03.2020 and where these foreigners have not yet entered India stands suspended.
 - iv. Regular visas (including e Visas) granted to all foreign nationals who have travel history to these countries on or after 1.2.2020 and who have not yet entered India also stands suspended.
 - v. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so. A detailed notification to this effect is being issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BOI).
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Subject: Visa restrictions related to COVID-19

Following instructions have been issued by BoI in pursuance of the meeting of GOM ON March 11, 2020.

1. In supersession of all earlier advisories issued on this subject, the following visa restrictions are issued for implementation.
 - i. All existing visas issued to nationals of any country except those issued to Diplomats, Officials, UN/International Organizations, Employment, Project Visas stand suspended till April 15, 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of any foreigner for onward journey to India.
 - ii. Visa of all foreigners 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 if they choose to do so.
 - iii. Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders shall be kept in abeyance till April 15, 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of any foreigner for onward journey to India.
 - iv. Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reasons may contact the nearest Indian Mission for fresh visa.
 - v. All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, arriving from any destination and having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany on or after Feb 15, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of such travelers.
 - vi. International traffic through land borders will be restricted to designated Immigration Check posts with robust medical screening facilities. These will be notified separately by Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. In addition to the above visa restrictions the following travel advisory is hereby issued in accordance with instructions of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- i. Indian nationals presently abroad are advised to avoid non-essential travel. They are hereby informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days on their arrival in India.
- ii. All Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel abroad. On their return they can be subjected to quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days.

Yours Sincerely

Sd/-
(Dinesh Adhikari)