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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

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Subject : Instructions relating to registration of foreign nationals coming to India on Medical Visa/ Medical Attendant Visa

It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Home Affairs that the provisions relating to registration by foreign nationals coming to India on Medical Visa (Med Visa) and Medical Attendant Visa (Med X Visa) are not being implemented uniformly by the registering authorities. Accordingly, existing instructions relating to registration of foreign nationals coming to India on Medical Visa and Medical Attendant Visa are reiterated below for information and compliance:-

I. REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS (OTHER THAN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN NATIONALS)

- (i) All such foreign nationals holding a Medical Visa/ Medical Attendant Visa **for a period exceeding 180 days** will be required to get themselves registered with the FRRO/FRO concerned **within 14 days of arrival in India.**
- (ii) If the Medical Visa/ Medical Attendant Visa issued by the Indian Mission/Post is valid **for a period of 180 days or less, no registration would be required.** In case the Mission/Post makes an endorsement 'Registration required' in a Medical Visa/ Medical Attendant Visa issued for a period of 180 days or less, FRROs/ FROs may overrule such endorsement.

II. REGISTRATION OF PAKISTAN NATIONALS

Instructions in this regard will be circulated separately.

III. REGISTRATION OF AFGHANISTAN NATIONALS

- (i) Afghanistan nationals **with a visa duration of 30 days or less** are exempt from the requirement of registration as well as exit permission, provided the visa applicant gives the Indian Mission his/ her local address in India. In all other cases, Afghanistan nationals

will have to register with the FRRO/FRO concerned **within 14 days of arrival.**

- (ii) Afghanistan nationals entering India on a visa **for more than 30 days** will have to register with the FRRO/ FRO concerned **within 14 days of arrival.**
- (iii) Bonafide Afghanistan nationals coming to India for medical treatment may be exempted from the requirement of police registration/ reporting by the Embassy of India in Kabul and the Indian Consulates in Afghanistan, on case to case basis, provided their stay in India is not in excess of 90 days. The Mission shall grant such exemption only after ascertaining the genuineness of illness of Afghan patients by verifying their medical papers/ scientific evidence like X-ray, MRI, CAT Scan etc. The exemption will be granted only on individual passport (not on family passport) and specific endorsement shall be made on the visa regarding the treatment and hospital subject to the condition that the Afghan national shall not visit any place other than the place of treatment. **No exemption from registration shall be granted to the attendants of the patients.**

3. All authorities concerned are requested to strictly comply with the above mentioned instructions.

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To

- (1) Principal Secretary (Home) of all State Governments/ UT Administrations
- (2) Joint Director, Bureau of Immigration
- (3) FRROs - Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Bangalore Hyderabad, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, Goa and Lucknow.
- (4) Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (CPV)] – with the request that these instructions may kindly be conveyed to all Indian Missions/ Posts
- (5) Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- (6) Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
- (7) Director General (Ms. Aditi Das Rout), Services Export Promotion Council
- (8) President (Dr. Prathap C. Reddy), Governing Council, Healthcare Federation of India

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