Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Foreigners Division

> Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, India Gate Circle, New Delhi – 110 002

> > Dated 05/05/2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Visa restrictions in response to COVID-19.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. No.25022/24/2020-F.V/F.I dated 17.04.2020 (copy enclosed for ready reference), on the above subject, wherein it was, *inter-alia*, conveyed that all existing visas granted to foreigners except to those belonging to diplomatic, official, UN/international organizations, employment and project categories shall remain suspended till 03.05.2020.

- 2. The matter has been re-considered in this Ministry. It has now been decided that all existing visas granted to foreigners except to those belonging to diplomatic, official, UN/international organizations, employment and project categories shall remain suspended till prohibition on international air travel of passengers from/to India is lifted by the Government of India.
- 3. The Bureau of Immigration and Ministry of External Affairs are requested to convey the above instructions to all authorities concerned and also to disseminate this information for general public & foreigners.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Pratap Singh Rawat)

Under Secretary to the Government of India