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Advisory on Travel to India

In view of the rapid spread of coronavirus, the Government of India has issued the following instructions:

- i. All existing visas issued to nationals of any country except diplomatic, official, UN / International Organizations, employment and project visas, stand suspended till 15 April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13 March 2020 at the port of departure.
- ii. Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till 15 April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13 March 2020 at the port of departure.
- iii. Any foreign national who might need to travel to India for compelling reasons may contact the nearest Indian Mission / Consulate.
- iv. All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15 February 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13 March 2020 at the port of departure.
- v. All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, would be subject to medical screening and can be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days on their arrival in India.
- vi. International traffic through land borders will be restricted to designated check posts with robust screening facilities. Ministry of Home Affairs will separately notify these check posts.
- vii. All Indian nationals presently abroad are advised to avoid all non-essential travel. They are hereby informed that they can be quarantined for a period of 14 days on their arrival in India.

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