

No.25022/58/2011-F-I
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

NDCC-II Building, Jaisingh Road,
New Delhi, dated : 11-09-2012

To

1. Principal Secretary (Home),
All State Governments / UT Administrations,
2. Joint Director, Bureau of Immigration, New Delhi
3. FRROs – Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chennai, Calicut, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Kochi,
Kolkata, Mumbai, ~~Trivandrum~~ and Lucknow

Subject : Delegation of powers to State Governments / UT Administrations / FRROs /
FROs in visa matters.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16th April,
2012 (copy enclosed for ready reference) on the above subject.

2. In para 2 thereof, State Governments / Union Territory Administrations / FRROs were requested to strictly exercise the powers delegated to them and not to refer such cases which fall within the delegated powers to Ministry of Home Affairs. Even in respect of cases which are outside the delegated powers, the application from the foreigner should be received by the FRRO / FRO and the same may be forwarded to this Ministry with specific recommendations.

3. It has been observed that most of the FRROs / FROs are not complying with the said instructions of this Ministry and not accepting the applications from foreigners and are directing them to Foreigners' Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

4. As you are aware, it is neither convenient to nor desirable for individuals to approach Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi as it involves a lot of effort, time and expenditure.

5. It is requested that it may be ensured that the said circular has been sent to all FRROs/FROs with instructions to ensure strict compliance. A confirmation in this regard may kindly be sent to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



(Vinod Kumar)
Director (Foreigners-II)

Copy to : - Commissioner of Police, Delhi (alongwith a copy of letter dated 13-12-2011 with enclosures) with the request that DCP, Special Branch, Asaf Ali Road, Delhi may be appropriately instructed in the matter.



(Vinod Kumar)
Director (Foreigners-II)

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.....NDCC-II Building, Jaisingh Road,
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To

1. Principal Secretary (Home),
All State Governments / UT Administrations,
2. Additional Director - BOI
3. FRROs - Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Bangalore and Hyderabad,

Subject : Delegation of powers to State Governments / UT Administrations / FRROs /
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Circular No.411 (No 25022/58/2011-F-I) dated 13/22-12-2011 enclosing a detailed statement indicating the powers delegated to State Governments / UT Administrations / FRROs / FROs with reference to various types of Visas / other requests and subsequent fax message of even number dated 18-01-2012 on the subject mentioned above and to say that despite the above mentioned instructions, it has come to notice on many occasions that the State Governments / UT Administrations / FRROs / FROs are not exercising the powers delegated to them and the foreigners are compelled to visit the Visa Facilitation Centre in the Ministry of Home Affairs in New Delhi for orders on various visa related issues, especially in respect of the following

S No	Name of Service
1	Re-entry permission to foreigners who desire to visit neighboring countries for neighborhood tourism
2	Extension of Employment Visa and 'X' Visa of family members / dependents of holders of employment visa
3	Extension of 'X' Visa in respect of foreigners of Indian Origin
4	Endorsement of Visa / Exit permission in case of passport acquired while in India in case of loss / theft of original passport

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5.	Grant of exit permission / extension of temporary landing facility to OCI card holders entering India without the 'U' Visa sticker
6.	Grant of exit permission on Tourist / 'X' Visa in respect of foreigners who have overstayed upto 3 months.
7.	Foreigners' children who are born in India

2. State Governments / UT Administrations / FRROs / FROs are once again requested to strictly exercise the powers delegated as contained in the statement enclosed with the above mentioned letter dated 13/22-12-2011 and not to refer to such cases which fall within their delegated powers to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Even in respect of cases which are outside the powers delegated to FROs / State Governments / Union Territory Administrations, the applications from foreigners should be received by FROs and such requests may be forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) with specific recommendations of the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations. State Governments / UT Administrations are also requested to ensure that once a foreign national has submitted all the required documents, a final decision on his/her request is taken expeditiously, in any case not later than 3 weeks from the date of receipt of complete documents.

3. In this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13/22-12-2011, State Governments / UT Administrations were also advised to consider further delegating the powers to FROs by issue of suitable orders, if not already done. State Governments / UT Administrations are requested to furnish urgently a detailed statement indicating the powers delegated by them to FROs on various visa related matters

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[Signature]

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
(P V Sivaraman)
Director (Foreigners)

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(P V Sivaraman)
Director (Foreigners)