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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
India Gate Circle, New Delhi - 110002

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Relaxation on Visa & Travel restrictions for Foreign Tourists - regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated 21.10.2020 on the above mentioned subject. Keeping in view the improvement in COVID situation in India, the Government has further considered the need for relaxation of visa & travel restrictions, in consultation with the stakeholders.

2. Accordingly, in continuation of O.M. dated 21.10.2020 and subject to Covid related guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as applicable to international travellers, it has been decided with the approval of competent authority that:

- (i) All foreign nationals intending to visit India for tourism purposes will be allowed to enter into India on e-Tourist Visa/Tourist Visa through Chartered flights (**for group tourism only**) from October 15, 2021; and
- (ii) All individual foreign nationals intending to visit India for tourism purposes will be allowed to enter into India on e-Tourist visa/Tourist Visa w.e.f. 15.11.2021.

3. The above mentioned foreign nationals would be permitted to enter India by water routes or by flights, including those under the Vande Bharat Mission or 'air bubble scheme or by any scheduled/non-scheduled commercial flights as allowed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. In no case the foreign nationals will be allowed to enter into India through land ICPs on e-Tourist Visa/Tourist Visa.

4. This relaxation as mentioned at paras 2 and 3 above would be applicable only to the e-Tourist/Tourist Visa issued on or after 06.10.2021.

5. Bureau of Immigration (BoI) /Indian Missions/Posts abroad may grant fresh single entry e-Tourist/Tourist visa for 30 days. Existing e-Tourist Visa/Tourist Visa shall remain suspended.

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