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Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division

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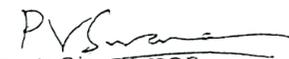
- To
- 1 All Indian Missions/Posts abroad
 - 2 All State Governments/UT Administrations

Subject: Revised Guidelines for issue of Protected Area Permits/Restricted Area Permits to foreigners.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the Revised Chapter 17 - Restricted and Protected Areas Special Permits of the Visa Manual.

2. All authorities concerned are requested to strictly comply with the enclosed guidelines.

Yours faithfully,


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1. Ministry of External Affairs (JS (CPV) with the request to circulate these instructions to all Indian Missions/Posts.
2. Intelligence Bureau
3. Joint Director, Bureau of Immigration with the request to circulate these instructions to all Immigration Check Posts.
4. FRROs - Amritsar, Bangaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.
5. Ministry of Tourism, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi
6. Director General, Ministry of Tourism
7. XP Division, Ministry of External Affairs
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II. Instructions for Travel Agents/ Tour Operators/ Guest Houses:

1. Travel agents/tour operators shall ensure that the tourist groups sponsored by them are in possession of valid Restricted/Protected Area Permit.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the travel agents/tour operators to ensure that the tourist groups do not go to places other than the ones that are permitted and also ensure that they do not stay there after the expiry of the valid period.
3. Owners of the guest houses/hotels must ensure that only foreigners with valid Restricted/Protected Area Permits stay with them. It is mandatory for the guest houses/hotels and also individuals to inform the local police about the arrival/departure of a foreigner within 24 hours if a foreigner stays with them.
4. Action will be taken against those who do not follow the above instructions under the Foreigners Act, 1946.

5) All Missions/State Governments/FRROs shall submit a monthly report to the Intelligence Bureau (CFB), New Delhi giving details of the special permits issued by them. The I.B. (CFB) will in turn send a quarterly report to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In this regard guidelines have also been issued vide Para 14(I) (XV) II of MHA circular No 397 dated 17/03/2011 i.e., "Instructions for travel agents/ tour operators/guest house" (extract is enclosed for ready ref)

6 In view of above you are requested to kindly issue required directions to all concerned for necessary action please.

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