TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR COVID-19 FOR INDIANS INTENDING TO TRAVEL ABROAD

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Directorate of Health Services, Government of Goa has issued an Office Memorandum on travel advisories dated March 10, 2020, issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, for information of general public.

It is informed that more than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID-19. People travelling to these countries or people who have travelled abroad might come in contact with people affected with COVID-19 during their stay or even while in transit at the airports. Within these countries, few countries have reported very large number of cases and deaths putting passengers from these countries particularly at higher risk of infection.

In view of the above, Indian citizens are advised to avoid non-essential travel abroad, they are further strongly advised to refrain from travelling to China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, Japan, France, Spain and Germany.

All incoming international passengers returning to India should self-monitor their health and follow required Do’s and Don’t’s as detailed by Government.

Further, all passengers having travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, France, Spain and Germany are advised to undergo self-imposed quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival. If such passengers are working in some organizations/institutions, their respective employers are advised to facilitate work from home during this period.

With respect to restrictions on visa, besides the already issued instructions, all regular Visas (including e Visas) which have been granted to nationals of France, Germany and Spain on or before March 11, 2020 and where these foreigners have not yet entered India stands suspended.
Regular visas (including e Visas) granted to all foreign nationals who have travel history to these countries on or after February 1, 2020 and who have not yet entered India also stands suspended.

Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so. A detailed notification to this effect is being issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

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