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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs

Jaiselmir House, New Delhi, the 21.6.2005

Subject: **Liberalization of the Visa Regime regarding grant of a Student Visa.**

To

**All Indian Missions and Posts abroad**

Dear Mission,

With expansion of the education sector in India, there has been increasing demand of there educational facilities available in the country from foreign students, particularly, from neighboring countries as well as from South East Asian countries and African countries. References have been received from students, educational institutions, foreign Embassies/ High Considering, these, a comprehensive review was undertaken in consultation with the Ministry of HRD and it has been decided to liberalize Student Visa Regime to make it simple and student friendly.

2. Accordingly it has been decided to substitute paras 52 and 53 of the visa manual by new formulation(s) and add a new para 52 A after para 52 in the chapter 6 of the Visa Manual (updated upto 31-7-03). The new student visa regime for international students is annexed herewith.

3. These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.

4. It is requested that this should be shared with all concerned who are dealing with "Student Visa" forthwith and be also given wide publicity among prospective/ existing foreign students.

Yours ever,

Sd/-

(D. S. Mishra)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to

1. Secretary, Deptt. of Secondary and Higher Education (Shri B.S. Baswan), Ministry of Human Resource Development with the request that directions may be issued making it mandatory for all educational Institutions/ Universities, which are having foreign students on their rolls to furnish the list of foreigner alongwith comments of the conduct of the students to Foreign Registration Officer, i.e. S.P. of the district concerned/FFRO's/ CHIO, whosoever is concerned.
2. Home Secretaries of all the State Governments and UT Administrations for information and similar action as above. They are also requested to delegate the powers mentioned at para 52(A) and para 53 to FROs concerned.
3. Ministry of External Affairs (CPV division).
4. Bureau of Immigration.

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