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Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division
(Foreigners-I Section)

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India Gate Circle, New Delhi-110002

Dated the October 11, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Relaxation on Visa & Travel restrictions for Foreign Tourists – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated 07.10.2021 on the above-mentioned subject. In light of the improvement in the COVID situation in India, the Government has further relaxed travel restrictions and Visa norms.

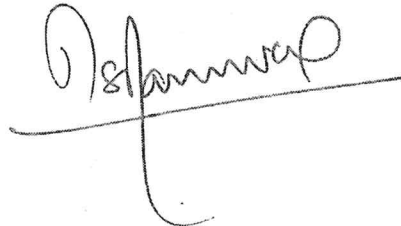
2. Accordingly, in continuation of O.M. dated 07.10.2021 and subject to Covid guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare applicable to international travellers, it is further clarified that:

- (i) Tourist Visa/e-Tourist Visa of foreign nationals intending to visit India for tourism, will have to be utilised within 120 days from the date of issue of such Visa/ETA.
- (ii) Fresh Tourist Visa/e-Tourist Visa will remain valid for single entry for up to 30 days from the date of entry.
- (iii) This facility would be applicable only to Tourist Visa/e-Tourist Visa issued on or after 06.10.2021.
- (iv) The e-Tourist/Tourist Visa issued prior to 06.10.2021 shall remain suspended.
- (v) Foreign nationals would be permitted to enter India only by designated immigration Sea-ports for passenger traffic 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 through Land border or reverine routes on freshly issued Tourist Visa/e-Tourist Visa.**

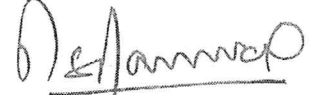
3. Further, para 3 of O.M. of even number dated 07.10.2021 shall be read as under:

"The above mentioned foreign nationals would be permitted to enter India by water routes (**excluding reverine route**) 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 **or through reverine route** on e-Tourist Visa/Tourist Visa."

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4. These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.
5. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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