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No.25022/160/2010-F.I (Part. I)(i)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
India Gate Circle, New Delhi - 110 001

Dated the December 17, 2024

To

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, Imphal.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram, Aizwal.
- ✓ 3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Kohima.

**Sub: Protected Area Regime in Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland -
regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Circular No.393 (F. No.25022/160/2010-F.I) dated 30.12.2010 conveying approval to exclude the entire area of the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland from the Protected Area regime notified under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958 for a period of one year from 01.01.2011 and subsequent Circulars No.412 dated 29.12.2011, 418 dated 16.01.2013, 431 dated 31.12.2013, 447 dated 19.01.2015, 463 dated 14.01.2016, 493 dated 14.09.2017 and 579 dated 16.12.2022 on the above mentioned subject. Vide circular No.579 dated 16.12.2022, the said relaxation was extended upto 31.12.2027.

2. Para 2(i) of the circular No.579 dated 16.12.2022, provides that the Government of India may withdraw the relaxation at any time in case of a security concern.

3. The matter has been examined in this Ministry in the backdrop of growing security concerns in border areas of these states. It has now been decided with the approval of the competent authority to withdraw, with immediate effect, the relaxation granted in Protected Area regime notified under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958, to the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland vide circular No.579 dated 16.12.2022.

4. Accordingly, the entire area of the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland would now again be covered under the Protected Area regime, notified under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958. All foreigners who want to visit these states, shall mandatorily obtain Protected Area Permit from the authorities to whom powers have been delegated.

5. Citizens of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan and foreign nationals having their origin in these countries would continue to require prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs before their visit to the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland.

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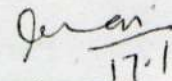
6. All foreigners visiting these states will mandatorily register themselves with the Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO) of the State/District they visit within 24 hours of their arrival. State Government may ensure strict compliance of these provisions.

7. State Government shall take necessary action to strengthen their mechanism to monitor the activities of foreigners. Further FRO/Police authorities should keep a close watch on the activities of the foreigners visiting these states. If anything adverse is found, appropriate action may be taken under relevant Acts including Foreigners Act.

8. Further with a view to facilitate the travel of *bonafide* foreigners and to avoid delays in granting the PAP/RAP permits, it has now been decided to process all PAP/RAP applications on the e-FRRO portal only. No physical PAP/RAP permits shall be issued. Pending physical applications, if any, will be on-boarded on e-FRRO portal by the State Governments/UT administration in coordination with NIC. In this regard, attention is drawn to our letter no 25022/75(iv)/2019/F-1 dated 18th November 2024. All State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to sensitize all the authorities concerned under their administrative control.

9. These instructions may please be brought to the notice of all concerned for compliance with immediate effect.


Yours faithfully


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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
2. Director, Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi.
3. Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration, New Delhi – with the request to circulate these instructions to all FRROs and Immigration Check Posts.
4. Director General, NIC, New Delhi.


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