



No.25022/160/2010-F.I (Part. I)(ii)

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners-I Division

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

Dated the December 17, 2024

To

The Chief Secretary
Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland,
Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, UT of Ladakh and UT of Andaman and
Nicobar

Sub: Issuance of Protected Area Permit (PAP)/Restricted Area Permit (RAP) through e-FRRO on IVFRT platform - regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.25022/75/2019-F.I(ii), dated 17.06.2024, No.25022/75/2019-F.I, dated 22.07.2020 and No.25022/75(iv)/2019-F.I, dated 18.11.2024, on the above mentioned subject requesting state Governments /UT administrations to issue PAP/RAP through e-FRRO portal only to streamline procedure for such permits.

2. It has been observed that some State Governments have still not onboarded the centralized e-FRRO portal. Therefore, all State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to sensitize all the authorities concerned, under their administrative control, that the Protected Area Permit (PAP)/Restricted Area Permit (RAP) will be granted only through e-FRRO portal. **No physical PAP/RAP permits will be issued under any circumstances to any foreigners.** All pending RAP/PAP applications, if any, may be onboard the centralized e-FRRO portal by the State Governments/UT administration in coordination with NIC.

4. Further, NIC in co-ordination with BOI, to conduct a training session on 19-20 December, 2024. The state Governments are requested to send their nodal officer for the aforesaid training. Shri Anand Swarup Srivastava, Deputy Director General, NIC [Telephone No.011-24305785, email: hod-ivfrt-cpo@nic.in] shall be the nodal officer and may be contacted for any query/technical support for handling the issues on e-FRRO portal.

5. A compliance report in this regard may also be furnished to this Ministry by first week of every month starting from January, 2025.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Pratap Singh Rawat)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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