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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
OE & PGE Division

Akbar Bhawan, New Delhi,
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Circular

Subject: Travel to Iraq in view of Ministry’s Advisory 08.01.2020

This is in continuation of the circular of the Ministry dated 16.01.2020 whereby it was conveyed that circular number of Z-11025/61/2017-OE-III dated 16.9.2019 of the Ministry regarding employment related travel to Iraq has been restored in view of the Ministry’s advisory of 08.01.2020 regarding travel to Iraq (Copy attached). This is to further clarify that in view of the circular of 16.01.2020, the persons with Emigration clearance through eMigrate may be allowed to travel to Iraq.

2. Emigrants who were already in Iraq prior to 30.09.2019 holding ECNR Passport and require to return to Iraq on re-entry for employment may be allowed to travel to Iraq even if not registered in eMigrate provided; the persons have valid employment re-entry visa issued by the competent authority of Iraq.

This issues with the approval of AS (OE) and Protector General of Emigrants.

( BIKASH R. MAHATO)
Under Secretary (OE-III)

To, (through Emigrate)
BOI, New Delhi
Circular

Subject: Indian Nationals travelling to Iraq for employment.

In view of decision taken to allow Indian Nationals travelling to Iraq for employment except to the five Provinces of Iraq, namely Nineveh (Capital Mosul), Salahuddin (Capital Tikrit); Diyala (Capital Baquba); Anbar (Capital Ramadi) and Kirkuk, the following will be mandatory with effect from 1st October, 2019:-

i) Registration of Iraqi Employers in the eMigrate system, offering employment to Indian Nationals except to the five provinces mentioned.

ii) Attestation of Employment offer document by the concerned Indian Missions in Iraq subject to the condition that the employment is only for safe areas/provinces identified by the Government.

iii) Verification at Immigration Check Post (ICP) at Indian International Airports for the emigrants going to Iraq for employment on the basis of eMigrate data forwarded to Bureau of Immigration (BoI) by eMigrate system of MEA.

2. Process workflow for eMigrate system is annexed. All the stake holders are requested to please adhere to the above for safe and legal migration of Indian nationals to the safe zone of Iraq.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Bikash R. Mahato)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India (OE-III)

To (through eMigrate website)
1. Joint Secretary (Gulf), MEA
2. Embassy of India, Iraq.
3. CGI, Erbil, Iraq.
4. BoI, New Delhi
5. All the PoEs
6. Project Director, eMigrate TCS.
7. PBSK.
8. All the Recruiting Agents.
9. Iraqi Employers
10. Emigrants/General Public.
Process Workflow for eMigrate system

1) Foreign Employer (FE) from Iraq to register on eMigrate and shall be able to raise demand for Indian nationals going to Iraq for employment.

2) For Emigrants with Emigration Check Required (ECR) passport, the following workflow shall be applicable.

   a) Direct Recruitment under Indian Embassy/CGI Attestation:
      (i) FE raises demand.
      (ii) Email notification shall go to FE and Indian Embassy/CGI with Application reference number of demand raised.
      (iii) Indian Embassy/CGI shall upload the attested employment offer documents for the emigrant.
      (iv) Emigrant applies for emigration clearance with supporting documents using details provided to him by FE.
      (v) After PoE approval, emigrant's data is sent online to Bureau of Immigration (BoI). No hardcopy of approval shall be accepted by BoI for allowing emigrant to travel to Iraq.

   b) Through Indian registered Recruiting Agent (RA):
      (i) FE raises demand with selected RA
      (ii) RA acknowledges the demand
      (iii) RA recruits the emigrants
      (iv) RA apply for emigration clearance by uploading the employment offer documents attested by Indian Embassy/CGI with other documents.
      (v) After PoE approval, emigrant's data is sent online to Bureau of Immigration (BoI). No hardcopy of approval shall be accepted by BoI for allowing emigrant to travel to Iraq.

3) For Emigrants with Emigration Check Not-Required (ECNR), the following workflow shall be applicable.

   a) Direct Recruitment under Indian Embassy/CGI Attestation:
      (i) FE raises demand.
      (ii) Email notification shall go to FE and Indian Embassy/CGI with Application reference number of demand raised.
      (iii) Indian Embassy/CGI shall upload the attested employment offer documents for the emigrant.
(iv) Emigrant completes emigration registration with supporting documents using detail provided to him by FE at least before 24 hours of actual departure so that his details reached to Bol in time.

(v) On successful registration, emigrant’s data is sent online to Bureau of Immigration (Bol). No hardcopy of registration shall be accepted by Bol for allowing emigrant to travel to Iraq.

b) **Through Indian registered Recruiting Agent (RA):**

(i) FE raises demand with selected RA  
(ii) RA acknowledges the demand  
(iii) RA recruits the emigrants  
(iv) RA completes emigration registration by uploading the employment offer documents attested by Indian Embassy/CIG along with other documents at least before 24 hours of actual departure so that the details of emigrant reached to Bol in time.

(v) On successful registration, emigrant’s data is sent online to Bureau of Immigration (Bol). No hardcopy of registration shall be accepted by Bol for allowing emigrant to travel to Iraq.

4. The Indian Embassy/ Consulate in Iraq will be suitably informed by Emigrate system when the worker departs to Iraq.

5. There shall be no other option to apply for emigration clearance/ registration for Iraq such as FE Rationalization and ECNR registration for unregistered FEs.

6. Details of ECNR emigrants going to any other country and registering on their own on eMigrate website through the option available to public users without any mandatory requirement prescribed by Government of India, shall not be forwarded to Bureau of Immigration (Bol).

7. **ECR emigrants reentry on re-entry visa:** The ECR emigrants who are already in Iraq when they visit India for any purpose may be allowed re-entry on re-entry visa if he has emigration clearance which has period of validity as on his date of travel to Iraq.

**ECNR emigrants reentry on re-entry visa:** The ECNR emigrants who are already in Iraq when they visit India for any purpose may be exempted from any compulsory clearances or registration for re-entry into Iraq provided they have re-entry visa.