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Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs

Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri  
New Delhi, Dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

To

Shri Deepak H Chhabria,  
Director,  
Federation of Indian Manpower Export Promotion Council & Associations,  
Ground Floor, Sai Prasad Commercial Complex,  
4<sup>th</sup> Road, Khar (West), Mumbai – 400052.

Sir,

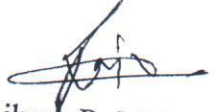
I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, addressed to the Protector General of Emigrants (PGE) regarding permission to the Recruiting Agents to cancel Emigration Clearance (EC) and Insurance Policy to stop misuse of the EC by seeking overseas employment through some other employer or travelling through some other agent.

2. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it is observed that there is no provision of cancellation of EC in the Emigration Act 1983 and the rules framed thereunder. Further, EC is granted for a particular visa number and the visa is issued in the name of a particular Foreign Employer (FE) and has a limited validity, there does not appear any possibility of misuse of EC. This Ministry is of the view that the Recruiting Agent is not likely to be adversely impacted in any manner if the emigrant does not travel even after obtaining EC as his actual travel status is captured in the eMigrate through BOI data.

3. It has also been decided that since there is no cancellation clause in the approved PBBY terms and conditions of the policy, any request to this effect can only be considered with valid reasons and without jeopardizing the interests of emigrants. Instances have come to the notice of this Ministry where insurance policies have been cancelled even though the emigrant has travelled after obtaining EC. Such policy cancellation puts the emigrants at a great risk in case of any unforeseen and unfortunate incident during his stay abroad. Hence, in supersession of all earlier OMs/Orders/Circulars in this regard, it is conveyed that the

cancellation of PBBY policy, once issued, by the Insurance Companies will be treated as violative of policy terms and conditions.

2. This issues with the approval of the Protector General of Emigrants (PGE).



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To,

1. All PoEs for necessary and compliance.
2. All RAs through emigrate website.
3. All the Insurance Company registered for PBBY.
3. Members of Public
4. OWRC helpline.
5. Project Director, eMigrate Project, TCS.

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