

Signed deputy 2nd HJC, Manama

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
ON
THE EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS
FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC AND SPECIAL / OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Hereafter referred to singularly as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties",

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations, and

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Republic of India and the citizens of Kingdom of Bahrain and ,

Who are holders of Diplomatic and Special/Official passports into their respective countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1
Visa Exemption

1. A citizen of either Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic and special /official passport shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party through their respective international points of entry/exit without visas.
2. A citizen of either Party, holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of **90 days in any period of 180 days**, without a visa.

ARTICLE 2
Visas for Assignments

1. A Citizen of either Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in Missions/Posts or as representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic or special/ official passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Party.

2. The holders of diplomatic or special/official passports of either Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Party for official or private visits.

3. The conditions enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in international organization, their children and their dependent parents.

Article 3
Study and Work limited restrictions

Citizens of the State of either Party holding diplomatic or special/official passports are not permitted to work or engage in any profession or to study in each other's country without obtaining the visa required under the laws applicable in both countries pertaining to those activities.

ARTICLE 4
Refusal of Entry and Loss of Passport

1. Each Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any citizen of the other Party, whom it may consider undesirable.

2. If a citizen of one Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the diplomatic mission or consular post of his/her Country and the mission shall inform competent authorities of that Party. The diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned will issue a new passport or travel document to its citizen and shall inform the concerned authorities of the host State.

ARTICLE 5

Applicability of Local/National Laws

1. Citizens of either Party, being holders of diplomatic or special/ official passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

ARTICLE 6

Passports Validity

The duration of diplomatic and special/official passports of nationals of either Party shall be valid for at least 6 (Six) months on the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other party.

ARTICLE 7

Travel Documents

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its respective passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. Each Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channels, specimen of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into force.

ARTICLE 8

Suspension

1. Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, either in whole or in part, for reasons of national security, public order or public health. Such suspension, as well as the resumption of application of this Agreement, shall immediately be notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels not later than 48 hours until it takes effect.

2. The suspension shall not affect the rights of nationals who have already entered the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE 9

Revision and Amendments

Either Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Agreement. Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Parties, shall come into effect according to the provisions stipulated in Article 11 of this Agreement and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

Dispute Settlement

Any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultations or negotiations between the Parties without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

ARTICLE 11

Entry Into Force, Duration And Termination

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the last written notification on which the Parties inform each other through diplomatic channels that all requirements for entry into force of this Agreement, as stipulated by their respective national legislations, have been completed.

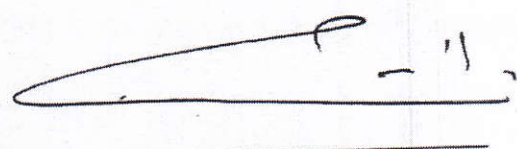
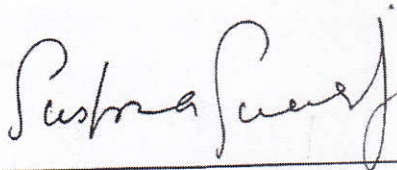
This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Party by a written notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of such notification. The termination shall not affect the rights of nationals who have already entered the territory of the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Manama on the 15th July 2018 in two(2) originals; in Hindi, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the
Republic of India**

**For the Government of the
Kingdom of Bahrain**



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