

AGREEMENT
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The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to as the Parties);

Recognising the friendly ties existing between the two countries;

Desirous of strengthening further and to consolidate their traditional friendly relations;

Desiring to facilitate the entry of citizens of the Republic of India and the citizens of the Union of Myanmar;

Who are holders of diplomatic and official passports into their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows;

Article – I

1. A citizen of one Party holding a valid diplomatic or official passport shall be exempt from entry visa, transit visa and/or exit visa where applicable, while entering, transiting and exiting from the territory of the other Party.
2. A citizen of one Party holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the other Party's territory for a maximum period of ninety (90) days. On the written request from the diplomatic Mission or Consulate of the Party to which the citizen belongs, the other Party may give an extension beyond the said period.

Article – II

1. Members of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate of either Party located in the territory of the other Party shall be granted a residence visa valid for the duration of his/her assignment at the written request of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned, provided that they are citizens of that Party and are holding diplomatic or official passports.
2. A citizen of one Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organisation located in the territory of the other Party holding the said passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph-1 of this Article. This would however not apply to such passport holders who are international civil servants or who are employed by an international organisation, body, agency or any other such entity.

3. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate and their children, provided they are holding a similar category of passport or names of children are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

Article – III

1. This Agreement does not exempt the holder of the said passport from the obligation of respecting all regulations under existing laws of the host country.
2. Either Party has the right to refuse entry or to cut short the duration of stay of any citizen from the other Party.

Article – IV

If a citizen of one Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of the host country for appropriate action. The diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned will issue a fresh passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host Government.

Article – V

For reasons of security, public order or public health, either Party may temporarily suspend a part of or the whole Agreement. The Party which decides to temporarily suspend or denounce a part of/or the whole Agreement shall immediately inform the other Party of such a decision through diplomatic channels.

Article – VI

After the entry into force of this Agreement, the two Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels the sample of the passport being used by each Party, within 30 days of the signing of Agreement, and/the sample of any new passport, at least 30 days before it is introduced.

Article – VII

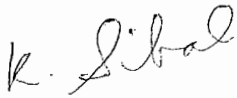
1. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of last written information regarding completion by the Parties of the internal procedures, if any, necessary for its enforcement.
2. This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period unless either Party gives to the other three months' notice in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

3. This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual consent of the two Parties.

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

Done at Yangon on this (2nd) day of November of the year 2003 in two originals each in Hindi, English and Myanmar languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text, shall prevail.

For the Government of
Republic of India



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Ministry of External Affairs

For the Government of
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Khin Maung Win
Deputy Minister
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