

## Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) - Travel Advisory Update

- In continuation of the travel advisories issued on 11th March, 16th March and 17th March 2020, the following additional advisory is issued by the Government of India Ministry of Health & FW:
  - (i). No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall take off from any foreign airport for any airport in India, after 0001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (\*i.e. 0531 hrs Indian Standard Time (IST) of March 22, 2020). These instructions shall remain in force till 0001 hrs GMT of March 29, 2020.
  - (ii). A maximum travel time of 20 hours is permissible for such commercial passenger aircraft to land in India.
  - (iii). As such, no incoming scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to disembark its passengers \*on Indian soil\* (Foreigner or Indian) after 2001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (\*i.e. 0131hrs IST of March 23, 2020).
  - (iv).. These instructions are in addition to the travel restrictions/ advisories already issued and under implementation.
  - (v). The above are temporary measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19, and are subject to review by the Government.
    - All passengers coming from European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden), European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), Turkey and the United Kingdom have been prohibited from entering India from any of the Land/Air/Seaport ICPs. This restriction shall come into effect from 1200 hrs GMT on March 18, 2020 at the port of first departure, and shall remain till March 31, 2020 and is a temporary measure.
    - Malaysia Consulate Chennai has closed its operations till 31st march 2020.
    - France consulate Chennai has also stopped accepting visa applications till further notice.
    - Egypt Consulate Mumbai will not issue any visa from 19th March to 31st March 2020.
    - Sri Lanka Immigration has also stopped issuing Electronic Travel Authorization from 19th March to 25th March 2020.

### References [4]

1. <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Traveladvisory.pdf>
2. <https://boi.gov.in/content/advisory-travel-and-visa-restrictions-related-covid-19-0>
3. <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/ind/en/fra>
4. <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>