

Most Immediate
R.T.I. Matter

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division

1st Floor, NDCC-II,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.
Dated : 1st September, 2014

To

Shri Harsha,
Plot No. 102, High Court Colony,
Vanasthalipuram,
Hyderabad,
PIN-500070 (Andhra Pradesh).

Subject: Application of Shri Harsha under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to above mentioned RTI application dated 01.08.14 sent to this office by Shri S. Samanta, Under Secretary, RTI Cell vide letter No. A-43020/01/2014-RTI dated 26.08.14 which is received in this office on 28.8.14.

2. The information sought with regard to your RTI application is as under:

A **Student visa** is granted to a foreigner:

- (i) whose sole objective of visiting India is to pursue regular and full time academic studies in India and for no other purpose/ activity;
- (ii) who holds a valid passport, and a re-entry permit if that is required under the law of the country of nationality of the applicant;
- (iii) who is not a persona-non-grata to the Government of India;
- (iv) who is not considered an undesirable person and is not the subject of a black list or any warning circular or other restrictive list;
- (v) who produces proof of admission to a full time course in a recognised/ reputed educational institution in India;

(vi) who produces a letter of approval or a " No Objection Certificate" from the Ministry of Health, in case of admission in a medical or para-medical course;

(vii) who is a person of assured financial standing (A letter of support from the parent/guardian accompanied by a bank guarantee/ certificate may be accepted for this purpose);

(viii) who produces, to the satisfaction of the Mission/Post, evidence of transfer of adequate funds for at least 4 months sustenance in India, or produces travelers cheques for a similar amount;

3. Validity of Student visa:-

A Student visa will be valid for entry and stay in India within the period of its validity unless specified otherwise and subject to the other conditions that may be specified. Validity of a Student visa will be as indicated below:

(i) Indian Missions/ Posts may grant Student visa to nationals of all countries for a maximum period up to five years or for the duration of the academic course of study, whichever is less (excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh).

(ii) A maximum of three entries per academic year may be allowed to foreign students to facilitate them to visit their home countries during vacation. In emergency situations, additional entries may be granted by the State Governments/UT Administrations/FRROs/FROs with prior permission obtained from the University/educational institution.

4. Conditions for student visa:-

The grant of student visa shall be subject to the following guidelines:

(i) There will be no restriction on the number of courses a foreign student may like to undertake and each time the period of validity of the 'Student Visa' will be counted afresh.

(ii) There will be no restriction with reference to the number of courses a student wants to avail of in one institution or multiple institutions, provided the institutions are recognized/ reputed.

- (iii) In case a foreign student wants to change a course midway and join another course, the period for validity of visa will be counted with respect to the duration of the new course.
- (iv) There may be a course requirement to complete industrial training/ summer project /internship etc. which may be a part of the prescribed curriculum. No special permission is required for completion of such industrial training / internship etc.

5. Provisional Visa for Students:-

(i) In case the applicant does not have a firm letter of admission from the university / recognised college or educational institution because the procedure in some institutions may require an admission test etc., in such cases the Missions/ Posts may grant a 'Provisional Student Visa' on the basis of provisional admission certificate / letter of offer or advertisement for admission to foreign students issued by the University / recognised college or educational institution in India. 'Provisional Student Visa' shall be valid for a period of six months which shall be extendable by the jurisdictional State Government/ UT Administration/ FRRO/FRO for a period upto six months on production of satisfactory documentary evidence.

Note: Indian Student Visa is issued from the Indian Mission abroad, format of visa is available with them or you may visit the website for format of the visa.

6. If you are not satisfied with the above, you may file an appeal with the Appellate Authority, Shri V. Vumlunmang, Joint Secretary(Foreigners), MHA, Ground floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi within 30 days of receipt of this letter by you.

Yours faithfully,



(Pravin Horo Singh)
Director (F-II)/CPIO

Copy for information to:

1. Sh. S. Samanta, Under Secretary, RTI Cell, MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
2. S.O., IT Cell, MHA, North Block, New Delhi.