

## HR Law Hotline

November 02, 2006

### LONG-TERM VISAS FOR FOREIGN CEOS AND BUSINESS TRAVELLERS PROPOSED

The Indian government may soon offer a multiple-entry visa with an initial validity period of five to 10 years to foreign CEOs employed in India and business travellers from 18 specified countries. This proposal, coupled with a proposal by the Ministry for Tourism for the visa-on-arrival facility for tourists, has received the nod from the Ministry of Home Affairs following the in-principle approval by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Sixteen countries have so far been named for inclusion in the tentative list, with the proposed additions of the US and the UK to bring the initial number of approved countries to 18. The 16 countries are Japan, France, Germany, New Zealand, Belgium, Spain, Sweden, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Finland, South Korea, Vietnam, Chile, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil.

At present, the available visas for business persons and employed professionals are (i) a multiple-entry visa for business travellers with an initial validity period up to a maximum of five years, and (ii) a multiple-entry employment visa, valid initially for one year or for the duration of the contract period, respectively. Both such visas are extendable in India, subject to the necessary approvals. While business travellers may be able to seek multiple-entry visas for a validity period of five to 10 years under the relaxed visa norms, the proposed longer-term employment visa appears to be limited only to those foreign employees who are at the level of CEOs.

While the plans to introduce the liberalised visa regime are reportedly at an advanced stage, the concerned ministries are examining diplomatic and security-related issues, and determining the final list of approved countries before the proposals are finalized for government approval.

In an era of increasing cross-border transactions and the international mobile executive, the Indian government appears to be demonstrating its continuing commitment to globalisation by its willingness to consider the relaxation of the present visa norms.

- Rina Kamath

Source: *The Economic Times*, November 2, 2006

### DISCLAIMER

The contents of this hotline should not be construed as legal opinion. View detailed disclaimer.

This Hotline provides general information existing at the time of preparation. The Hotline is intended as a news update and Nishith Desai Associates neither assumes nor accepts any responsibility for any loss arising to any person acting or refraining from acting as a result of any material contained in this Hotline. It is recommended that professional advice be taken based on the specific facts and circumstances. This Hotline does not substitute the need to refer to the original pronouncements.

This is not a Spam mail. You have received this mail because you have either requested for it or someone must have suggested your name. Since India has no anti-spamming law, we refer to the US directive, which states that a mail cannot be considered Spam if it contains the sender's contact information, which this mail does. In case this mail doesn't concern you, please unsubscribe from mailing list.

## Research Papers

### Clinical Trials and Biomedical Research in India

April 22, 2025

### Structuring Platform Investments in India For Foreign Investors

March 31, 2025

### India's Oil & Gas Sector— at a Glance

March 27, 2025

## Research Articles

### 2025 Watchlist: Life Sciences Sector India

April 04, 2025

### Re-Evaluating Press Note 3 Of 2020: Should India's Land Borders Still Define Foreign Investment Boundaries?

February 04, 2025

### INDIA 2025: The Emerging Powerhouse for Private Equity and M&A Deals

January 15, 2025

## Audio

### CCI's Deal Value Test

February 22, 2025

### Securities Market Regulator's Continued Quest Against "Unfiltered" Financial Advice

December 18, 2024

### Digital Lending - Part 1 - What's New with NBFC P2Ps

November 19, 2024

## NDA Connect

Connect with us at events, conferences and seminars.

## NDA Hotline

[Click here to view Hotline archives.](#)

## Video

Vyapak Desai speaking on the danger of deepfakes | Legally Speaking with Tarun Nangia |

**Vaibhav Parikh, Partner, Nishith  
Desai Associate on Tech, M&A, and  
Ease of Doing Business**

March 19, 2025

**SIAC 2025 Rules: Key changes &  
Implications**

February 18, 2025