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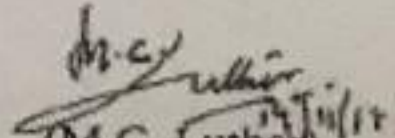
**ADVISORY**

**Subject: Registration of Non-ECR passport holders traveling for employment/work in 18 ECR countries.**

All the Non Emigration Check Required (Non-ECR) passport holding Indian emigrants are hereby advised to note that in pursuance to Ministry of External Affairs' mandate to provide protection and welfare to the Indian emigrants abroad, it was decided by the Competent Authority that Non-ECR passport holding Indian emigrants, going for "overseas employment" to 18 notified Countries, are required to register online through the website ([www.emigrate.gov.in](http://www.emigrate.gov.in)). The names of notified countries are ; Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. The above provision has been made operational from December, 2017 on pilot basis and it is observed that the registration process is running smoothly.

2. All Indians traveling to the 18 ECR countries on ' Employment Visa' are therefore, advised to register online with immediate effect. Registration can be done by visiting the website of [emigrate.gov.in](http://emigrate.gov.in) and key in their details at the link "ECNR Registration" & follow the steps to fill the Registration Form. On successful completion of registration, the emigrant would receive a confirmatory SMS/email.

3. The said registration of Non-ECR passport holders will be mandatory and required to be completed at least 24 hours prior to actual departure. Starting 01.01.2019, no Indian emigrant holding Non-ECR passport, would be allowed to go to these 18 ECR countries for employment, without prior registration in eMigrate, as a measure of extending protection and ensuring their welfare overseas. Off-loading of unregistered Non-ECR emigrants at the airports, would be effected by the appropriate authority after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. For all other visa categories there is no change in existing procedures. In case of any queries/clarifications intending emigrants may contact Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayata Kendra (PBSK) on toll free number 1800 11 3090 or 01140503090 (charges apply) or by email to [helpline@mea.gov.in](mailto:helpline@mea.gov.in).

  
(M.C. Luther)

Joint Secretary & Protector General of Emigrants