

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SAINT LUCIA ON EXEMPTION FROM VISA
REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
SAINT LUCIA

Hereafter referred to singularly as the "Contracting Party" and collectively as the "Contracting Parties"

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations, and
DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Republic of India and the citizens of Saint
Lucia who are holders of diplomatic or official passports into their respective countries, by
implementing reciprocal visa exemptions.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Visa Exemption

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through their respective international ports or points of entry/exit without visas subject to clause 2 hereunder
2. A citizen of either Contracting Party, holding a valid diplomatic or official passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a maximum period of ninety (90) days in any period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, without having to obtain a visa.

ARTICLE 2

Visas for Assignments

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in Missions/Posts or as representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.
2. The holders of diplomatic and official passports of either Contracting Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.
3. The conditions enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in international organization, their children and their dependent parents.



ARTICLE 3

Refusal of Entry & Loss of Passport

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any citizen of the other Contracting Party, whom it may consider undesirable.
2. If the diplomatic or official passport of a citizen of one Contracting Party is lost, stolen, damaged or has expired whilst in the territory of the other Contracting Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of the host country for appropriate action. The diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned will issue a new passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE 4

Applicability of Local/National Laws

1. Citizens of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic or official passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.
2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

ARTICLE 5

Passports Validity

The diplomatic and official passports of citizens of either Contracting Party shall be valid for at least six (6) months on the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other Contracting party.

ARTICLE 6

Travel Documents

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its respective passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channels, specimen of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into force.



ARTICLE 7

Suspension

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right for reasons of national security, public order or public health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, this Agreement, which shall take effect immediately after notification of suspension has been given to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The suspension shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. The Contracting Party that has notified the Other Contracting Party of a suspension of this Agreement, shall upon termination of the existence of such reasons as specified in Clause 1 above, immediately notify the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels of such termination and the revocation of the suspension.

ARTICLE 8

Revision and Amendments

Either Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Agreement. Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties, shall come into effect on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9


Dispute Settlement

Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

ARTICLE 10

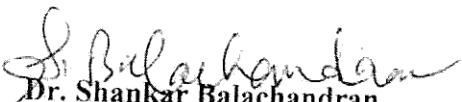
Entry Into Force, Duration and Termination

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, which shall be notified through the exchange of Diplomatic Notes. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Contracting Party by a written notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of such notification. The termination shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.




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

DONE at Castries on this 16th day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Four in two (2) originals; in Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.


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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA


Honourable Philip J. Pierre
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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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