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To,

All Keepers of Accommodation,
States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Goa.

Subject: Advisory for keepers of accommodation on Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 - reg.

With reference to the above mentioned subject, it is brought to your kind attention that the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 has been notified by the Government of India on 1st September, 2025. All Keepers of Accommodation are hereby requested to go through the act and the relevant provisions applicable to them. Some sections applicable specifically to them are being attached for their perusal.

This advisory is being issued for Keepers of Accommodation to outline their obligation under Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 and they are hereby directed to strictly comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 and Rules made thereunder to avoid any legal/ penal action. For any query, an email may be sent to – regifrrum-ivfirt@gov.in.

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Annexure

Section 8 (Obligation of keeper of accommodation and others to furnish particulars.) of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 –

“(1) It shall be the duty of the keeper of accommodation to submit to the Registration Officer such information in respect of foreigners accommodated in such accommodation and in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that subject to provisions of sub-section (3), provisions of this sub-section shall not be applicable to residential premises of non-commercial nature.

(2) Every foreigner accommodated in such accommodation shall furnish to the keeper of accommodation thereof such particulars as may be required by him.

(3) If in any area as may be specified in this behalf, the civil authority so directs, it shall be the duty of every person occupying or having under his control any residential premises to submit to the Registration Officer in such manner such information in respect of foreigner accommodated in such premises as may be specified.”

Rule 17 (Manner of report by keeper of accommodation.) of the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025 –

“(1) Every keeper of accommodation shall require every foreigner, including an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder, seeking accommodation in his premises to furnish the necessary particulars for recording, and sign, on his arrival at the accommodation, and at the time of his departure, the date and time of his departure and the address to which he is proceeding, which shall be maintained by the keeper of accommodation electronically for a period of at least one year.

(2) The particulars referred to in sub-rule (1) shall at all times be available for inspection, on demand by Registration Officer, District Magistrate or police officer not below the rank of a Head Constable.

(3) All particulars shall be recorded by the keeper of the accommodation in English language, if he is so able, or otherwise, in an Indian language.

(4) If the foreigner does not understand English language, it shall be the duty of the keeper of the accommodation, if so requested, to explain to the foreigner, the requirements of this rule.

(5) The keeper of the accommodation shall, as soon as may be but not beyond twenty-four hours, after the arrival of a foreigner, transmit a copy of duly filled in Form III, specifying the particulars furnished by the foreigner, electronically to the Registration Officer through the designated online portal or the mobile application as referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 12.

(6) The departure details shall also be transmitted as soon as may be but not beyond twenty-four hours, after departure of the foreigner, electronically to the Registration Officer through the designated online portal or the mobile application as referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 12.

(7) For the purposes of this rule, —

(a) “accommodation” shall include any boarding house, club, dak-bungalow, rest house, hostel, paying guest house, sarai, rented accommodation, home stay, tents, hospital or other premises of like nature, premises of religious institutions, charitable trusts, any other trusts, public organisations or any other organisations or entity of social or religious or of public nature, furnished or unfurnished; and

(b) “sign” includes in respect of a foreigner who is unable to write, the marking of a thumb impression or other mark by means of which he is accustomed to attest a document.”

(Note - The link to the designated online portal mentioned in sub-rule (5) and sub-rule (6) of the Rule 17 of the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025 is - <https://indianfrro.gov.in/frro/FormC>.)

Section 23 (Penalty for contraventions of other provisions of this Act.) sub-section (b) of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 –

“Whoever, - (b) contravenes any other provisions of this Act, other than sections 17 and 19, or of any rule or order made thereunder or any direction or instruction given in pursuance of this Act or such order or direction or instruction for which, no specific punishment is provided under this Act, shall be punishable with an imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with a fine which may extend to three lakh rupees or with both.”