Advisory for Indians in Yemen

The Government of India and the Embassy of India, Sana’a had issued Advisory in April 2015 for the Indian nationals not to travel to Yemen due to the adverse political and security situation. Since, the political and security situation in Yemen has not changed so far, the Advisory continued to valid.

2. However, the Indian nationals who either stayed back during the evacuation of Indians in April 2015 or those who went there thereafter must note the following points:

(i) Any Indian requiring renewal of passport must start the process at least one year before the expiry date of their existing passport. Do not wait till the last moment for this exercise as passports are printed in New Delhi and these are received by the Mission by courier. The whole process can take up to six weeks after submission of application in case of Yemen provided special UN flights between Sana’a and Djibouti restart.

(ii) Even for consular services other than passport, the process can take minimum two weeks provided special UN flights between Sana’a and Djibouti restart.

(iii) These days, most of the countries insist on minimum validity of the passport for six months for grant of visa. Therefore, it is also essential that Indians must renew their passport at least one year before its expiry in Yemen.

(iv) It may be noted that in case the validity of the Indian passport is less than six months, then the person cannot travel via a third country but only if there is a direct flight to India.

(v) In case an Indian national in Yemen has lost his/her passport, or it is stolen, or kept by the employer etc. and the person is required to travel to India due to some emergency, the Embassy can consider issuing Emergency Certificate (EC) to travel to India. The EC is valid for one-time travel and not valid for travel to any country other than India. The person, who travelled on EC to India will be required to make a fresh passport for travelling out of India.

(vi) Passport is a valuable document. It should always be kept either in your own custody or in the custody of a person duly authorized by you.

3. Contact Details: The Embassy of India, Sana’a can be contacted as per the following:

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