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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI



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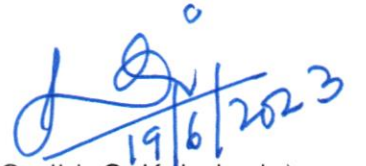
Subject: Reimbursement of Visa/Priority/Other service charges/fees-reg.

It is observed that officers are traveling abroad on official duties on their personal passports and claiming reimbursement of Visa/Priority/other service charges/fees. In this regard, kind attention is drawn to the guidelines issued by the Consular Passport & Visa (CPV) Division, which issues diplomatic official passport to Indian Government Officials proceeding abroad for official assignments/visits are exempted from payment of the Visa fee.

2. The CAG Audit has raised audit para on irregular reimbursement of Visa Charges, Foreign Air Ticket Cancellation and advised that since the official passports are exempted from the payment of the visa fees, the payment being made on account of the Visa/Priority/other service charges/fees is avoidable.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided that all official foreign travels are to be made on Official Passport/Diplomatic Passport only and no such additional expenditure would be reimbursed henceforth. The already settled cases of Visa reimbursement would not be reopened.

4. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and in the rank of the Secretary to the Government of India.



(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)

Deputy Director General of Shipping (Personnel)

To,

All officers of the Directorate and allied offices.