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[Despatch Abstract.]

Visa on passports of travellers proceeding to or via France.-

Directing that the Government of India be replied to on the lines of the French Consular Agent's letter in regard to the procedure for obtaining the -----

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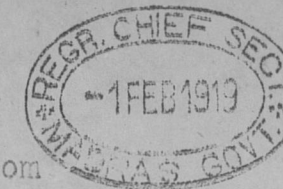
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From

The Under Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To



Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Dated Delhi, the 28th January 1919.

Sir,

I am desired to enclose a copy of a Press
Communiqué which the Government of India contemplate
issuing with regard to the procedure for obtaining the
French Consular visa on the passports of travellers
proceeding to or via France.

2. In signifying ~~his~~ general approval of the
communiqué the French Consul-General, Calcutta, has
omitted to make any reply to a suggestion that it would
be a great boon to travellers if the concession referred
to in paragraph 4 thereof might be made applicable
throughout India, and the Government of India apprehend
that if the instructions issue in their present form,
the 'ordinary procedure' detailed in paragraph 3,
necessitating as it does a personal call at the Consulate,
may cause grave inconvenience to residents of the Madras

Presidency

Presidency who live at a distance from Madras City.

3. The Government of India have no information regarding the existing procedure under which passports are visée by the French Consular Agent at Madras, but the procedure detailed in paragraph 3 of the draft communiqué is in force at the Bombay Consulate and is understood to have been prescribed by the French Government for general application.

4. I am therefore to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and after a reference to the French Consular Agent at Madras, the Government of India may be informed whether and, if so, to what extent the communiqué requires alteration to meet local conditions in the Madras Presidency.

5. The arrangement under which the 'Malabar Coast' comes under the consular jurisdiction of Bombay, and Mysore, Coorg and Hyderabad under that of Calcutta, has been prescribed by the French Consul-General.

6. As the matter is of some urgency a reply may kindly be sent by telegram if possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. S. Fidge

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

The following revised instructions are published for the information of intending travellers to and via France.

(1) All such travellers must obtain a French Consular visa on their passports before leaving India.

(2) Applications from persons residing in Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Orissa, the Punjab, Delhi, the United Provinces, the Central Provinces, Central India, Kashmir, Rajputana, Mysore, Coorg and Hyderabad should be addressed to the Consul-General for France at Calcutta.

Those from Bombay Presidency, the North-West Frontier Province and Baroda should be addressed to the French Consul at Bombay, and those from Sind and Baluchistan to the French Consular Agent at Karachi. Applicants residing in the Madras Presidency except those on the Malabar Coast, who should apply to Bombay, should address the French Consular Agent at Madras and Burma applications should be sent to the Consular Agent at Rangoon.

(3) The ordinary procedure is that in reply to such applications travellers will be sent a form in duplicate which they will be required to fill up and in addition to affix to each copy a photograph identical with that on their passports. Except in the case of travellers who

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intend to cross France without stopping, they will be required to give two references in France for purposes of identification.

Applicants will then return the form to the Consul, who will instruct them when to call for the visa of their passports.

(4) By a special concession persons who reside within the jurisdiction of the French Consul General, Calcutta, but are unable conveniently to attend personally at the Consular office may send their passports by post to receive the Consular visa. No special application form or photograph will ordinarily be required in their cases.

(5) In cases of urgency persons who are prevented by lack of time from obtaining a visa from the Consulate within whose jurisdiction they reside may apply to the Consulate at the port of embarkation.

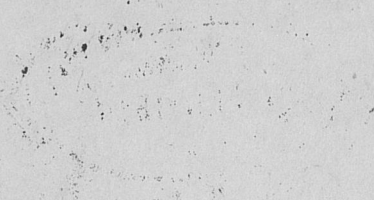
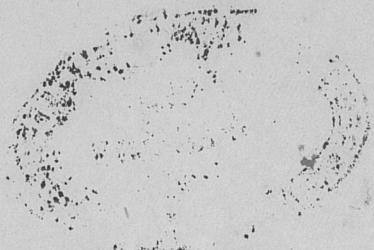
(6) The fee for the Consular visa is Rs.6/6/-, and all passports sent by post to be visée by the French Consul General at Calcutta should be accompanied by a money order for this amount.

Registrar,
Foreign and Political Department.

Delhi;

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Letter 1458-1932-19

Home (mis) Dept

To

The Consular Agent
for France
Mr Messrs Walker and Co. Ltd.
(with Copy of Cf.)

Sir,

I am directed to forward
a copy of letter from the Govt
of India, Foreign and Political
Dept, No 255 G, dated the
28th Jan^y 1919, together with its
enclosure, regarding the proce-
dure proposed to be instituted
for obtaining the French
Consul's visa on the passport
of travellers proceeding to
or via France, and to
request that you will be
so good as to favour this
Govt with your opinion
on the proposal, with special
reference to para 4 of the
letter. It is requested that
this reference may be
treated as ^{Special} urgent & a
reply within 15 days of
this receipt is
3.2.19 requested. 3.2.19

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AGENCE CONSULAIRE,
de FRANCE,
à MADRAS.
c/o WALKER & CO

Madras,

4th Feb.

1916

From

The Consular Agent for France,

MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.1458/1 of 3rd inst., and in reply I have the honour to advise you that although strictly speaking my instructions are to insist upon all passengers who require their passports viséd calling upon me in person, I have in practice modified the rule in all cases where the applicants are personally known to me or who can be vouched for by friends known to me.

In the copy of a letter from the Government of India forwarded to me by you, I note that the Consul-General for France has included the States of Mysore and Coorg in his jurisdiction. As, however, I have been viseing the majority of the passports from these two centres, I am to-day writing him in the matter asking him whether he cannot see his way to include both Mysore and Coorg in my jurisdiction. I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

75.11.1916
Consular Agent

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proceeding to France.

[1582] From the Govt. of India, Foreign and Political
no 255 B. of 28.1.19.

[1582] Letter to the Consular Agent for France of 3.2.19
From the Consular Agent for France of 4.2.19

is

Mr. C. P. The Govt's letter and the draft
Communique were sent to the
Consular Agent for France for
his remarks. In his reply he has
set out the present practice of obtaining
visas.

here. A copy of his reply may be sent to
India with the remark that the
proposed Communique may be modified
in the sense of what letter.

A draft letter is sent for
approval

The word "in the Malabar
Coast" in para 2 are
not well-chosen &

Shd. be replaced by "in the
District of Malabar & Kanara &
Cuzengo in the State of Travancor
& Cochin". And this to Dept.

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5.8.19

4th Feb.

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

52/1/19
Consular Agent

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The following reply
will be forwarded to the
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Home (Misc.) Dept.

Letter:- 29/2/19

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Foreign and Political Dept.,
Delhi.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from
the Foreign and Political Department,
No. 255-G., dated the 28th January
1919, I am directed to state that the
Consular Agent for France at Madras,
was consulted as suggested therein.
I am to forward a copy of his letter
dated the 4th February, stating the
arrangements at present in force in
this Presidency for obtaining his visa
on the passports of travellers pro-
ceeding to or via France. H.E. the
Governor in Council is of opinion that
the concession alluded to in the case
of the area under the Consul-General
may well be extended to that under the
Consular Agent at Madras. The --
suggestion as to the inclusion of
Mysore and Coorg in the local area,
made in the French Consular Agent's
letter, may be considered. I am
also to suggest that for the words
"on the Malabar coast" occurring in
para 2 of the draft communique the
words "in the districts of Malabar,
South

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"South Kanara and Anjengo and the Native
"States of Travancore and Cochin" may be
substituted.

I have, etc.

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