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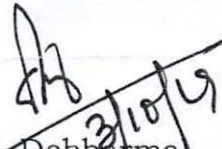
Dated: 3rd October, 2019.

MEMORANDUM

Subject:- **Announcement of Amnesty Programme for Illegal Immigrants in Malaysia.**

The undersigned is directed to send herewith the photocopies of the letter No. OIA-I/415/26/2019 dated 28th August, 2019 as received from the Joint Secretary (OIA-I) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi and the Press Release dated 1st August 2019 issued by the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur regarding Government of Malaysia, Ministry of Home Affairs has announced an Amnesty Programme "**Back for Good Programme**" (B4G) **from 1st August to 31 December 2019** to provide an opportunity to illegal immigrants to return to their respective countries with minimum penalty.

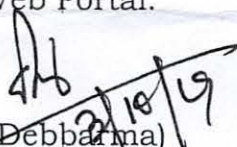
This is for kind information.


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Deputy Secretary to the
Government of Tripura.

To

1. The PS to the Chief Secretary, Tripura, Agartala.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.
3. The Director General of Police Tripura, Agartala.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Special Branch
5. The Director, **Information and Cultural Department** with request for wide publishing the above information.
6. The Director, **Information Technology Department** for uploading the above programme in the State Web Portal.

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F.No. OIA-I/415/26/2019

August 28, 2019

Subject: Announcement of Amnesty Programme for Illegal Immigrants in Malaysia

Dear Mam/Sir,

I write to apprise the State Governments about announcement of an **Amnesty Programme "Back for Good Programme"** by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Malaysia from 1 August to 31 December 2019, to provide an opportunity to illegal immigrants to return to their respective countries with minimum penalty.

2. The **"Back for Good Programme" (B4G)** is a voluntary platform for foreign workers, who have either overstayed in Malaysia or those staying in Malaysia without valid pass or permit, to return to their countries. Under this programme, the eligible immigrants/ foreigners should have **valid travel documents (passport/ Emergency Certificate), tickets for travel, and RM 700 (Malaysian Ringgit Seven Hundred only) compound fine to be paid at immigration office.** It may be noted that no arrest action will be taken upon illegal immigrants who surrender under this programme. However, any illegal immigrants arrested or detained during an enforcement operation could not take advantage of this programme.

3. By way of background, it is estimated that approximately 2,25,000 Indian workers are working in Malaysia. A substantial number of them are working illegally without valid employment contract/visa/work permit. By taking advantage of eVisa system of Malaysian Government in 2018 that allowed stay upto 15 days for Indian workers, the unscrupulous agents had brought Indian with false promises of giving employment and left them in Malaysia without any jobs. These Indian nationals became illegal after 15 days. This was further aggravated with the change of immigration rule and hike of compound fine upto RM 3200 in August 2018. As a result Indian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur has been receiving a large number of complaints related to ill-treatment by employers, non-payment of wages, withholding of passports, deserted by employer due to ill health without medical assistance

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etc. It is expected that many of those stuck in Malaysia because of various reasons would avail this opportunity to return to India.

4. Indian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur has been providing all possible assistance such as repatriation of undocumented Indian nationals, immigration facilitation at the time of repatriation, issuance of Emergency Certificates, provision of temporary shelter and food, resolution of disputes with employers etc. to distressed Indian nationals. A special cell in the Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayta Kendra (PBSK), Kuala Lumpur is being set up to disseminate information and guide workers about the Amnesty Programme.

5. State Governments are kindly requested to circulate information about Malaysia "Back for Good Programme" through its NRI Departments so that all eligible and willing Indian nationals would be able to take the advantage of this programme and return to India at the earliest. A copy of press release issued by our Indian High Commission in Malaysia is enclosed for information and appropriate action.

Warm regards

Yours Sincerely,



(Yogeshwar Sangwan)

To

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all the States/Union Territories



High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur

Amnesty Programme for Illegal Immigrants in Malaysia

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Malaysia has announced an Amnesty Programme called "**Back For Good Programme**", from 1 August to 31 December 2019, to provide an opportunity to immigrants, that have either overstayed in Malaysia or those staying in Malaysia without valid pass or permit, to return to their respective countries. The basic features of the programme are as follows:

- The programme is coordinated by Immigration Department of Malaysia with **no appointment of outside agents**.
- Foreigners should have valid travel documents i.e. **Passport/Emergency Certificate**.
- Foreigners should have **ticket** to go back to their home countries **within 7 days**.
- A compound payment of **RM700 (Ringgit Seven Hundred only)** to be paid.
- Detailed information about the programme is available at https://www.imi.gov.my/images/fail_pengumuman/2019/7_Jul/faq-eng.pdf.

Indian nationals eligible to be covered under this programme can register with the various immigration offices listed in the link above.

Those Indian nationals who do not possess **valid travel documents** may **apply for Emergency Certificate (EC)** at the outsourced agency of High Commission of India at **M/s BLS International Limited, Level 4, Wisma Tancom, 326-328 Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, 50100 Kuala Lumpur, [Telephone Nos. 03 26022474 and 03 26022476]**.

High Commission of India urges all Indian nationals, who have overstayed in Malaysia for whatever reasons to take advantage of this opportunity to return to India.

HCI, Kuala Lumpur
1 August 2019