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Subject: **Advisory on fake Indian e-Visa Portals**

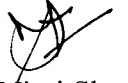
Sir,

This is with reference to a letter received from Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter No.25022/111/2017-F.I dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 regarding the menace of fake E-Visa websites cheating people by way of financial fraud and even duping foreign tourists/visitors.

In view of this, an advisory has to be posted immediately on both the websites of Ministry of Tourism i.e [www.tourism.gov.in](http://www.tourism.gov.in) and [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org)

“Government of India does not appoint any authorized agents to apply for e-Visa on behalf of any applicant. Do not fall prey to such fake e-visa portals claiming to provide Express e-Visa services by charging a hefty amount for the same. **The official website of Government of India for e-Visa and related visa services is [www.indianvisaonline.gov.in](http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in).**

Yours faithfully,



(Niraj Sharan)

Assistant Director General (TT)

Encl: As above

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No. 25022/111/2017-F.1  
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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,  
India Gate, New Delhi. Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

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This Ministry is receiving multiple complaints from people who have either been cheated or who have compromised their personal information due to use of fake e-Visa portals. The menace of these fake ETA websites has revealed in duping of some foreign tourists. This nuisance requires joint efforts to curb it.

In a number of cases, the applicants were not able to distinguish between the authentic e-Visa portal and the fake ones and ended up becoming a victim of financial fraud and/or compromised their personal data in cases where they were alerted before making any payments.

In view of this, all concerned stakeholders may kindly note that Government of India does not appoint any authorised agents to apply for e-Visa on behalf of any Applicant and they may also be advised not to fall prey to such fake e-Visa portals claiming to provide express e-Visa services by charging a hefty amount for the same. The official website of Government of India for e-Visa and related visa services is [www.indianvisaonline.gov.in](http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in).



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- 1. The Secretary, Ministry of Tourism - with a request to kindly sensitise all the registered Tour Operators and put an advisory on their websites for similar action.
  - 2. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs - with a request to kindly publicise the advisory among all the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.
  - 3. Bureau of immigration (for information and necessary action).

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Cell MHA - with a request to place the advisory on the MHA's website.

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