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Foreigner's Registration Requirement - Mandatory reporting for foreign national's place of residence in India

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Background

- Foreign nationals visiting India for a duration of more than 180 days are generally required to register themselves with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO) / Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO) within 14 days from the date of arrival into India.
- As per the Registration of Foreigner's Rules 1992 (Rules), where a foreign national resides in a hotel, the "keeper of the hotel" is required to:
 - maintain details (such as name, nationality, purpose of visit, etc) of the foreign national in Form F; and
 - submit an arrival report in respect of foreign national electronically in Form C to the FRRO/FRO within 24 hours of arrival.

For the purpose of generating and submitting form C, hotels have to initially register themselves with the FRRO/FRO.
- Form C is also required to be submitted by the foreign national at the time of obtaining the FRRO/FRO registration.
- The definition of "hotel" was restricted to include "boarding-house, club, dak-bungalow, rest house, paying guest-house, *sarai* or other premises of like nature". The Government has recently widened this definition through an order¹ details of which have been discussed below.

Key Update

- The definition of hotel has now been widened to include "hostel" as well as "rented accommodation, hospital or any other premises of like nature whether furnished or not, where lodging or sleeping accommodation is provided for reward".
- Accordingly, owners of residential properties where foreign nationals stay on rent are now mandatorily required to file Form C electronically with the FRRO/FRO within 24 hours of the foreign national's arrival.

¹ Foreigner's Order, 1948 G.S.R 325(E) dated 18th March 2016

- Hotels are required to maintain details of the foreign national in the new Form B (these are the same details as those in Form F which has now been abolished).

Comments

The definition of hotel has been widened to cover rented properties in addition to certain other types of accommodation. Even before the amendment, FRROs/FROs in some cities have been requesting the foreign nationals for Form C in respect of rented properties at the time of registration/ renewal.

With the amendment in the law, it is expected that FRROs/FROs at other locations in India may soon start requesting for Form C in respect of the above accommodation types. Therefore, Mobility managers should consider readiness checks for Form C in respect of accommodation housing foreign nationals to avoid delays in registrations/renewals.

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