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Government of India  
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs  
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Akbar Bhawan, Satya Marg, Chankyapuri,  
New Delhi-0110 021, Dated 12 Sept., 2013

To

All Protectors of Emigrants

Subject: Illegality of so called 'free visa' for employment in Saudi Arabia.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of O.M. No. G-411/10/2013 dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 received from the Ministry of External Affairs along with a copy of Note Verbale No. 209/8/4/21/2197 dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, New Delhi conveying as follows:

Quote:

"The concerned authorities in Saudi Arabia have warned against entering to Saudi Arabia for employment on so called "free visa". The authorities pointed out that there is no such visa under the Saudi Labour regulations. The concerned Saudi authorities also have stressed that they have to work only with their employers whose names are mentioned in the entry visa, and that the relevant rules in Saudi Arabia prohibit persons from taking jobs with business other than their original employers. Any contravention in this regard will be considered a clear violation of the rules and regulations of residence and employment in Saudi Arabia."

2. As such, you are directed to implement accordingly and bring this information to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,



(Sami Ahmad Khan)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India  
Tel. No. 011-24197924

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(GULF DIVISION)

No. G- 411/10/2013

Dated: September 9, 2013,

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**Subject: Illegality of so called "free visa" for employment in Saudi Arabia.**

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Date: 10/9/13

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a Note Verbale No. 209/8/4/21/2197 dated September 6, 2013 from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, New Delhi conveying as follows:

Quote:  
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Unquote:  
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs is requested to kindly bring this information to the notice of all concerned including state governments, immigration authorities etc.

*(Signature)*

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No. 209/8/4/2197  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2013

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and has the honour to inform that the concerned authorities in Saudi Arabia have warned against entering to Saudi Arabia for employment on so called "free visa". The authorities pointed out that there is no such visa under the Saudi labour regulations. The concerned Saudi authorities also have stressed that those who proceed to Saudi Arabia on employment visas should be informed that they have to work only with their employers whose names are mentioned in the entry visa and that the relevant rules in Saudi Arabia prohibit persons from taking jobs with businesses other than their original employers. Any contravention in this regard will be considered a clear violation of the rules and regulations of residence and employment in Saudi Arabia.

The Royal Embassy appreciates the esteemed Ministry's assistance in conveying this information to the concerned authorities in the Government of India.