

**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
CONCERNING REINTRODUCTION
OF VISA SYSTEM
New Delhi, 8 December 1980**

THE AMBASSADOR
of the Federal Republic of Germany
New Delhi
8 December, 1980

RK 516.20

Translation

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany the following arrangement concerning the exemption of bearers of official passports from the residence permit requirement.

- (1) Bearers of official passports of the Federal Republic of Germany (diplomatic, ministerial and government service passports) shall not require residence permits to enter and reside in the Republic of India, provided their stay does not exceed three months and they do not intend to exercise a gainful activity. Similarly, bearers of official passports of the Republic of India (diplomatic and government service passports) shall not require residence permits to enter and reside in the Federal Republic of Germany, provided their stay does not exceed three months and they do not intend to exercise a gainful activity.
- (2) This Arrangement shall also apply to Land Berlin, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany do not make a contrary declaration to the Government of the Republic of India within three months of the date of entry into force of this Arrangement.

1. Came into force on 22 January 1981.

- (3) This Arrangement shall enter into force one month from the date on which the two Governments notify each other that the national requirements for such entry into force have been fulfilled. It may be terminated at any time subject to two months' notice. Termination shall be notified through diplomatic channels.

If the Government of the Republic of India agrees to the proposals contained in paragraph 1 to 3 above, I propose that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply thereto shall constitute an Arrangement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

New Delhi, December 8, 1980.

Sd/-
R. RAMISCH

H.E. Mr. P.V. NARASIMHA RAO
Minister of External Affairs
Government of India
New Delhi

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
New Delhi
January 22nd, 1981

No. VII/406/2/80
Your EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. RK/516.20 dated 8th December, 1980 to the Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, which reads as follows :

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Excellency, I have to honour to convey the acceptance of the Government of India to the foregoing and to state that Your Excellency's letter and this reply shall constitute an Arrangement between the two countries.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sd/-
H.D. BHALLA
Joint Secretary (EW)

His EXCELLENCY Mr. R. RAMISCH,
Ambassador of the Federal
Republic of Germany,
New Delhi
