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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Foreigners Division  
(Immigration Section)

**Hall No. 18, Open Gallery, Second Floor, National Stadium,  
India Gate, New Delhi-110001, Dated- 13.03.2020**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Restrictions on international passenger traffic through Land Check Posts  
in view of the spread of COVID-19.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above cited subject and to inform that the following decisions of government shall be implemented with immediate effect in view of the spread of COVID-19:

1. All types of passenger movements through all the Immigration Land Check Posts located at Indo-Bangladesh Border, Indo-Nepal Border, Indo-Bhutan Border and Indo-Myanmar Border will be suspended with effect from 00:00 Hrs March 15, 2020 till further orders except through the below mentioned posts:

S. No.	Name of the State	Name of the land ICP to remain operational	Border	Controlled by
1	Assam	Mankachar (Distt. Dhubri)	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Sutarkandi	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Darranga	Indo-Bhutan	State Govt.
2	Bihar	Raxaul	Indo-Nepal	BoI
3	Meghalaya	Dalu	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Dawki	Indo-BD	State Govt.
4	Mizoram	Kawrpuchhuah	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Zokhawthar	Indo-Myanmar	State Govt.
5	Tripura	Agartala	Indo-BD	BoI
6	Uttar Pradesh	Sonouli	Indo-Nepal	BoI

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7	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Banbasa	Indo-Nepal	State Govt.
8	<b>West Bengal</b>	Changrabandha (Coochbehar)	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Hili	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Phulbari	Indo-BD	State Govt.
		Ghojadanga	Indo-BD	BoI
		Haridaspur	Indo-BD	BoI
		Gede	Indo-BD	BoI
		Chitpur	Indo-BD	BoI
		Raniganj	Indo-Nepal	State Govt.
		Jaigaon	Indo-Bhutan	State Govt.


Note: The extant visa restrictions on foreigners as amended from time to time (except Nepalese and Bhutanese nationals) shall apply on all the above mentioned Land Immigration Check Posts.

2. Participation of foreigners in the border haats shall remain suspended with immediate effect until further orders.
3. The operation of existing Indo-Bangladesh cross border passenger train and passenger buses shall remain suspended during the period March 15- April 15, 2020 or till further orders whichever is earlier.
4. Restrictions mentioned in Para-1 above on the Indo-Nepal & Indo-Bhutan Borders shall be applicable only for third country nationals and not to Indian nationals or nationals of Nepal or Bhutan.
5. There will be intensified health inspections at all these entry points and any traveller whether Indian or Nepalese or Bhutanese or from any other country showing COVID-19 symptoms or with a recent travel history to one of seven COVID-19 outbreak countries namely Italy, Iran, China, Spain, France, Germany and Republic of Korea shall be subjected to quarantine in the appropriate facility of State or Central Government.
6. All further restrictions and preventive measures as stipulated in respect of immigration of travellers as issued by Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home

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Affairs/ Bureau of Immigration and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare from time to time shall be followed strictly.

7. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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**To**

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3. Chief Secretaries & Directors General of Police, All States concerned.
4. Sh. Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

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