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The Embassy of India, Thimphu presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan and with reference to OM No. 25022/12/2019-Imm dated 13 March 2020, issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, (<https://twitter.com/PIBHomeAffairs/status/1238494878637543424>) has the honour to draw the attention of the esteemed Ministry to Para 4 of the said OM which states: **“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”.**

2. The Embassy of India also has the honour to refer to the Advisory issued by the Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (<https://boi.gov.in/content/advisory-travel-and-visa-restrictions-related-covid-19-0>) and FAQs (<https://boi.gov.in/sites/default/files/u4/faq-covid-19.pdf>) dated 13 March 2020. The Embassy would like to draw attention to Sr. no. 4 of Point no. 4 of the FAQs. “Title: **FOREIGNERS WHO WANT TO COME TO INDIA**, Question: **Are Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives passport holders allowed?**, Answer: **Nepal and Bhutan nationals are allowed. Maldives nationals would require visa.**”

The Embassy also draws the esteemed Ministry’s attention to its Press Release dated 13 March 2020 available at <https://www.indembthimphu.gov.in/adminpart/uploadpdf/77320Attachment-converted.pdf> which sets out the same position.

3. The Embassy of India, Thimphu avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Bhutan, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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