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दिनांक/Dated 28/01/2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Suggestions regarding promoting services exports.

The undersigned is directed to refer to O.M. No. K-44015/1/2018-TPD (Services) dated 14th December, 2018 from Ministry of Commerce & Industry on the above mentioned subject and to say that the suggestion of exploring the possibility of introducing a destination wedding visa has been examined in this Ministry.

- 2. As per the existing provisions in the Visa Manual, a foreigner on a Tourist visa or e-Tourist visa is permitted to undertake casual visit to meet friends or relatives. Since destination wedding can be covered under the activity of casual visit to meet friends or relatives, a foreigner is permitted to attend destination weddings on a Tourist visa or e0Tourist visa. It is, therefore, not considered necessary to have a separate category of 'Destination Wedding Visa'.
- This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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(Lokesh Chander Trehan) Under Secretary to Govt. of India

Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce [Smt. Sangeeta Saxena, Additional Economic Advisor, TPD Division], Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

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- Ministry of Tourism [Ms. Meenakshi Sharma, Additional Director General (Tourism)], Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Police-II Division [Pers-Coord] [Shri Ashok Ranwa, 2IC (Air)], MHA, North Block, New Delhi :- w.r.t. their ID No. 181/MHA/Pers-Coord/2018/45 dated 15.01.2019 on the subject.