The Government of India has conveyed the following notice to the Diplomatic Missions in India with regard to the extension of the validity period of the visas of foreign nationals who are stranded in India due to COVID-19:

“Regular Visa, e-Visa or stay stipulation, of such foreign nationals who have been stranded in India because of spread of COVID-19 in many parts of the world and due to consequent travel restrictions imposed by the Indian Authorities and whose Visas have expired or would be expiring during the period from 01.02.2020 (Midnight) to 30.04.2020 (Midnight), would be extended till midnight of 30.04.2020 on ‘GRATIS’ basis after making online application by the foreigner. Exit of such foreign nationals, if so requested by them during this period, will be granted without levy of overstay penalty”