

ANNEXURE -6

NO. F.30-17/88-SK.I

Government of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development

(Deptt. of Education)



New Delhi, the 7th December, 1989.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SURJECT: Vipassana Research Institute, Dhammagiri, Igatpuri, Distt. Nasik - Grant of student Visa to foreign scholars thereof -

The undersigned is directed to say that the Vipassana Research Institute located at Igatpuri, which is devoted to the theoretical and the applied research in the Vipassana meditation, approached this Ministry with the request that the said Institute may be treated as a Centre for Research in and teaching of Pali, and the Ministry of External Affairs be requested to advise the Embassies and Missions abroad to grant student visa to those students who apply for it after they are admitted to the said Institute for various courses run by them.

- 2. The objects and activities of the Trust which is running the Vipassana Research Institute are enclosed in a note at  ${\sf Annex-I}$ .
- 3. The proposal of the said Institute has been considered by this Ministry in consultation with the State Government of Maharashtra. On the basis of the information furnished by the State Government, this Ministry considers that the Institute is engaged in fostering national integration and international understanding and is the only institution of its kind which integrates theoretical principles with the practice of Vipassana. This Ministry therefore recommends this Institute for training in Vipassana of teaching and research in Pali
- 4. This Ministry is, therefore, of the view that the scholars from abroad who get the admission to the said Institute for various courses run by them may be granted student visa. Ministry of External Affairs is requested kindly to issue suitable instructions to the Indian Embassies and High Commissions abroad to grant student visa to such scholars who apply for it after getting admission to the Institute.

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