

## **Travel Advisory for Indian Nationals travelling to Yemen**

The security situation in Yemen continues to be fragile. The United Nations has raised the humanitarian crisis level of Yemen to the highest rung. Shortages of food items, cooking gas, diesel, petrol etc continue and water and electricity supply are also severely affected. Conflict and bombings still continue and Government of India has already issued an Advisory for avoiding travel to Yemen for its nationals. Since it will still take time for normalcy to return to Yemen, Indian nationals are once again advised to refrain from undertaking travel to Yemen.

The Indian embassy laid great stress on the following points while addressing Indian citizens in its advisories:

- The passport or travel document stamped by the Indian government is not valid for the purpose of travel of the holder to Yemen.
- If any Indian citizen ignores the travel ban and travels to Yemen, he/she shall be accountable for the action under Section 12 of the Passports Act, 1967. In addition, the passport impounded or revoked, depending on the case, under sub-section (3) of Section 10 of the above-mentioned act.
- On encroachment of the notification, the Indian nationals shall be refused passport under Section 6 of the above mentioned act for 7 years from the date of revocation of the passport.
- Besides, the owners of foreign ships ferrying Indians to Yemen shall be liable for criminal proceedings and visas for travelling to India in future shall be refused to them.
- Any recruiting agent or a company sending Indian nationals to Yemen shall be individually or collectively held responsible.