

**High Commission of India, Malé**  
**Republic of Maldives**

**FAQs ON CONSULAR MATTERS**

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<b>A. MARITAL DISPUTES</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1.	I and my husband are residing abroad. How can I get assistance for settlement of marital issues between me and my husband?	You may approach the Indian Mission in the foreign country where you and your husband reside for providing possible assistance in resolving your marital dispute
2.	I am residing in India. How can I get my overseas Indian spouse to come to India for the settlement of our marital dispute?	You may forward your complaint to the Indian Mission, in the foreign country where your husband resides, to contact your spouse for settlement of marital dispute. In case your husband doesn't cooperate with such settlement, you may take judicial recourse.
3.	I am residing abroad. How can I apply for legal and financial assistance provided by the Ministry of External Affairs?	You may approach the Indian Mission in the foreign country in which you reside.
4.	I am residing in India. How can I get assistance in getting maintenance/ financial support from my overseas Indian husband	You may:- 1. File a case in a Court of competent jurisdiction in India 2. Approach the Indian Mission in the foreign country in which your husband resides for seeking assistance and guidance
5.	What should I do for revocation/ impounding of my husband's passport and for not allowing renewal of his passport.	You may approach a Criminal Court of competent jurisdiction in India for obtaining appropriate Court Order for revoking/ impounding passport of your husband.

6.	How can I get my husband's foreign passport revoked/ suspended?	Issue of Foreign Passport does not fall within the jurisdiction of India. You may approach the Embassy of the respective foreign country in which your husband resides.
7.	How can I get my husband's Foreign Visa suspended/ revoked?	Visa related issues are dealt by the authorities of the concerned foreign country who issued your husband's foreign Visa. You may approach the Embassy of the foreign country in which your husband resides for VISA related issues.
8.	How can I get details of Visa and Employment of my overseas Indian spouse who is residing abroad?	Details of Visa or employment of individuals are not available with the Ministry of External Affairs. You may approach the Embassy of the foreign country to get access to such details.
9.	How can I get my overseas Indian husband's application for PR rejected/ revoked?	PR is a sovereign matter of the concerned foreign government and it is beyond the jurisdiction of the Ministry of External Affairs. You may approach the Embassy of the respective foreign country in which your husband resides.
10.	How can I get the Residence Permit of my overseas Indian husband cancelled?	You may approach the Embassy of the foreign country in which your husband resides for assistance and guidance.
11.	I am residing in India. I request the Ministry to take legal action against my overseas Indian husband.	You are requested to state specific issues in your complaint. You may:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notify Police authorities in the local area where you reside or where the matrimonial house is located.</li> <li>2. Approach the National Commission for Women for legal assistance and guidance.</li> </ol>
12.	My child has been taken by my overseas Indian husband without my consent to foreign country. I am residing in India. I want to reunite with my child. What should I do?	You may:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Register case on MADAD Portal</li> <li>2. Approach NCPCR (Mediation Cell), Ministry of Women and Child Development (Child Welfare Division)</li> <li>3. File case for child custody in India</li> <li>4. Make a complaint to the Embassy of the foreign country where the child has been taken</li> <li>5. File case against your husband in the foreign country where he resides</li> </ol>

13.	I am residing in India. How can I communicate with my children who are in the custody of my husband who is living abroad?	You may file a case in a Court of competent jurisdiction in India and obtain court order for facilitating communication with your children.
14.	How can I locate the whereabouts of my overseas Indian husband who is not in touch with me?	<p>You may:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward your complaint to the Indian Mission in the foreign country in which your husband resides along with the correct passport number and contact details of your husband</li> <li>2. Approach the Indian Mission in the foreign country in which the husband resides</li> <li>3. Access the list of Indian Associations/ NGOs from the website of Indian Embassies for further details</li> </ol>
15.	How can I deport my husband who is residing abroad to India?	<p>You may:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. File a case in Court</li> <li>2. Serve the summons/ Notices/ Warrants for arrest against your husband living abroad through Ministry of Home Affairs</li> <li>3. Approach the Indian Embassy in the country where your husband resides</li> </ol>
16.	How can I stop my husband who is trying to flee the country?	<p>You may:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approach the Senior Police Authorities to issue Look Out Circular (LOC) against your husband.</li> <li>2. File a case in Court to stop the husband from fleeing the country</li> </ol>
17.	I am residing in India. How can I initiate criminal proceedings against my overseas Indian spouse?	You may file a case in a criminal court of competent jurisdiction in India.
18.	What is the procedure for the service of judicial process including summons/show-cause notices etc. upon my spouse residing outside the geographical limits of India?	Service of judicial process outside India including summons/show-cause notices etc., in Civil Matters is regulated by the Ministry of Law & Justice (Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser, "A" Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Service of judicial process outside India including summons/show cause notices etc., in Criminal Matters, is carried out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Joint Secretary (IS-II), NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110 001)

19.	I am residing in India. My overseas Indian husband has deserted me/subjected me to dowry harassment/ domestic violence. What should I do?	<p>You may:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. File a case in a Court of competent jurisdiction in India.</li> <li>2. Approach the National Commission for Women for legal assistance and guidance.</li> </ol>
20.	I am residing with my overseas Indian husband in foreign country. He has deserted me/ is subjecting me to dowry harassment/ domestic violence. What should I do?	<p>You may approach the Indian Mission in the country in which you are residing for seeking assistance to file complaint with the local police. The Mission can put you in touch with the local Indian Association/ Organization/ NGOs and also to provide you with legal and financial assistance in case you decide to take legal/ judicial recourse in the foreign country.</p> <p>You can access the list of local Indian Association/ Organization/ NGOs, lawyers in the foreign country from the website of the Indian Embassy in that country.</p>
21.	How can I get a Red Corner Notice issued against my overseas Indian husband?	<p>You may:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get F.I.R. registered with local Police Authorities</li> <li>2. Take judicial recourse</li> </ol>
22.	I am residing in India. I have been thrown out of my matrimonial home by the relatives of my overseas Indian husband. How can I retrieve belongings and documents from the matrimonial home?	You may file a case in a Court of competent jurisdiction in India to retrieve your belongings.
23.	I am residing with my overseas Indian husband in foreign country. I have been thrown out of my matrimonial home by my husband. How can I retrieve belongings and documents from the matrimonial home?	You may approach the Indian Mission in the foreign country for assistance and guidance.
24.	I am residing in India and my overseas Indian husband has married another woman without divorcing me. What should I do?	You may file a case in a Court of competent jurisdiction in India
25.	How can I take action against my overseas Indian husband for cyber harassment?	You may register your complaint on National Cyber Crime Portal

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## B. WORK PERMIT / VISA RELATED ISSUES

26.	<i>How should I initiate the process for cancellation of my earlier issued work permit / visa from Maldives.</i>	Visas can be canceled by directly sending an e-mail to the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology, Republic of Maldives at mail id <a href="mailto:xpat@1500help.mv">xpat@1500help.mv</a> along with duly filled form available on <a href="https://xpat.egov.mv/Home/ViewAnnouncement/81">https://xpat.egov.mv/Home/ViewAnnouncement/81</a> . High Commission should be kept informed with a copy marked to Welfare Officer at mail id <a href="mailto:welfare.male@mea.gov.in">welfare.male@mea.gov.in</a> .
27.	<i>I am working in company and now want to change the company for better future prospect. How can I do this ?</i>	If you want to change the company, you need a change letter from your current employer and only after that you can join the new company and process your work visa in the name of new company.
28.	<i>I am living in a remote island in the Maldives. How can I contact Maldives Immigration for work visa related services. Do I need to come Male' ?</i>	Maldives Immigration has shared a list of its regional offices and contact numbers of regional offices. In addition to Male' Indian nationals may approach these regional offices and need not travel to Male'. Detail of regional offices are as under- 1. Addu, Contact no. -9199159 2. Fuvahmulah, Contac no. - 9311613 3. Kulhuduffushi, Contact no. - 9199162 4. Male, Contact no. - 9199153(Work Visa) - 9199157 (Resdential) - 7980408(Expatriate related)

## C. REGISTRATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS

29.	<i>I am working in the Maldives. Do I need to register with High Commission of India ? If so, how?</i>	All Indians working across the Maldives are encouraged to register at Pravasi Rishta Portal. You can register yourself through the High Commission of India, Maldives website at the link <a href="https://hci.gov.in/male/?2780?000">https://hci.gov.in/male/?2780?000</a> .
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## D. PASSPORT SERVICES

30.	<i>Is there a way to exclude name of father/mother from the passport of a minor in custody of a single parent ?</i>	<p>1. The online passport application form now permits that an applicant may provide the name of father or mother or legal guardian, i.e., only one parent and not both. This would enable single parents to apply for passports for their children and get passport(s) issued where the name of either the father or the mother is not required to be printed at the request of the applicant.</p> <p>2. In case of minor children of unwed single parent, the name of father or mother is not to be mentioned in the passport application and in the passport. In case of unwed parents submitting <a href="#">Appendix-12</a>, name of both the parents is to be mentioned in the application form and in the passport.</p> <p>3. In case of minor children of married parents, the name of father/mother shall be furnished by the single parent having custody of the child, irrespective of the status of their marriage, such as, divorced, divorce pending, separated or deserted, with or without visitation rights to the estranged parent.</p>
31.	<i>What can I do if I have lost my passport and must travel back to India urgently due to an emergency, such as serious illness or death in the family?</i>	<p>Loss of passport should be immediately reported to Indian Mission and the local Police Station. You need to contact the respective Indian Mission/Post. Generally, an Emergency Certificate (EC) is issued for returning to India after verification of Indian nationality/origin/particulars.</p>
32.	<i>What is the procedure to apply for duplicate passport in case of lost or damaged passports?</i>	<p>Duplicate passports are not issued. However, a new passport with different passport number may be issued with fresh validity. The applicant has to apply under the 're-issue' category specifying the reason, as Lost/Damaged passport.</p>

## E. MISCELLANEOUS CONSULAR SERVICES

33.	<i>How I can apply for miscellaneous consular services at HCI, Maldives</i>	<p><b>Step 1:</b> Please visit the website (<a href="https://indianconsularservices.mea.gov.in/consularServices/">https://indianconsularservices.mea.gov.in/consularServices/</a>) for availing of various Miscellaneous Consular Services through Online Consular Services System (SEWA Portal) and apply for the required services and upload the required supporting documents (Kindly see below mentioned guidelines about requirement of documents to be uploaded) and submit it online on the portal. (There is no need visit the High Commission until your application is verified and approved by High Commission through online mode).</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> If all documents are ok, High Commission will verify the application and applicant will receive notification in this regard. (go to Step 4)</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> If there is any issue during the course of verification, the same will be intimated to the applicant. The applicant then needs to re-submit their application after uploading the required documents. High Commission will again process and verify the application and intimate the applicant about the status. Once verification is completed.</p> <p><b>Step 4:</b> Visit the High Commission with printed copy of your application along with one set of copies of all required documents. (Note: At present, no appointment is required, applicant may visit the High Commission on all working days between 9:30 am to 12:00 pm to submit their applications. Kindly carry all original documents for verification purpose)</p> <p><b>Step 5:</b> Kindly collect your required document between 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs on any working day after checking it is ready for delivery.</p>
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