

No. 33317

**INDIA
and
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**Agreement on the cooperation across state borders. Signed at
New Delhi on 4 April 1995**

Authentic texts: Hindi, Russian and English.

Registered by India on 31 October 1996.

**INDE
et
FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE**

**Accord de coopération aux frontières. Signé à New Delhi le
4 avril 1995**

Textes authentiques : hindi, russe et anglais.

Enregistré par l'Inde le 31 octobre 1996.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF INDIA ON THE COOPERATION ACROSS STATE BORDERS

The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as "parties".

Guided by universally recognised principles and norms of the international law, national legislation, provisions of the Treaty on friendship and cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of India dated January 28, 1993;

Attaching great importance to the development of the interaction in guarding of state borders of the Russian Federation and the Republic of India;

Confirming the aspiration for the development of mutually beneficial cooperation in border guarding issues;

have agreed as below :

Article - 1

The parties will extend cooperation in the following areas :-

Combating illegal migration across the state border utilising the international communication channels.

¹ Came into force on 4 April 1995 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

Combating the smuggling of the weapons ammunition, explosives, poisonous substances and radioactive materials;

Combating illicit traffic of drugs and psychotropic substances across the state border;

Exchange of experience in training specialists;

Exchange of experience in using technical equipment for state border guarding, and in exercising border control at frontier points.

Article - 2

For fulfilling the present agreement the authorised agencies are - Federal Border Guards Service of the Russian from the Russian side and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India from the Indian side.

Article - 3

The cooperation between the authorised agencies envisaged in the present agreement shall be implemented as specified below :

Exchange of information of mutual interest and experience in combating smuggling of the weapons, ammunition, explosives, poisonous substances, radioactive materials, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

Elaborate and implement when necessary agreed measures against illegal acts through the channels of international communication.

Exchange legislative and other normative acts of mutual interest on guarding of the State Border, functioning of its entry points as well as scientific publication and other information;

Organise the training of experts and specialists;

Exchange of methods of discovering the illegal activity on the state border and its entry points;

Article -4

For the purpose of working out and realising the agreed measures on the struggle against illegal actions on the channels of international communication between the Russian Federation and the Republic of India, the parties will exchange the information within their competence on the issue of cooperation within the framework of the present agreement.

For exchange of information, meetings of representatives of the authorised agencies of the parties, official correspondence, and technical means of transfer of the information will be used.

The information and the documents as received by the authorised agencies of one Party from the authorised agencies of the other Party shall not be transferred to the third Party without the prior written consent of the authorised agencies of the Party from which the same had been received.

The exchange of information will be carried out free of charge.

Article - 5

For coordinating the issues of cooperation, working meetings will be regularly held between the heads of the Federal Border Guards Service of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India or between their authorised representatives.

The composition of the delegations, dates of the meetings, the agenda and the connected matters will be decided as mutually agreed;

In official meetings, the representatives of the Federal Border Guards Service of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India within their competence can work out and sign bilateral documents to promote the realisation of the provision of the present agreement.

Article - 6

The meetings of the representatives of the Federal Border Guards Service of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India shall be held alternately in the territory of the Russian Federation and the Republic of India.

The expenditure on the stay of the delegation of one Party on the territory of the other will be borne by the receiving Party except for the international transport expenditure.

Article - 7

The present agreement can be supplemented by Protocols on interaction and cooperation between the Federal Border Guards Service of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India on concrete areas of their activities.

Article - 8

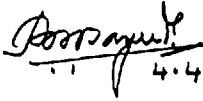
The present agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the parties on their existing international treaties.

Article - 9

The present agreement comes into force from the date of its signing and is valid for a period of 5 years. The agreement is automatically extended for the next 5 years if none of the parties express desire in writing for discontinuing the agreement three months before the date of its expiry.

Signed in New Delhi on 4th April, 1995, in two copies, each copy in the Russian, Hindi and English languages and all the texts being equally authentic.

For and on behalf of the Government
of the Republic of India:



4.4.95.

Hon'ble P. M. SAYEED

For and on behalf of the Government
of Russian Federation:



Col. Gen. A. I. NIKOLAYEV