

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (MOIA)**

**AND**

**INDIROOTS**

Whereas 'Indiroots' is an organisation located at H-24A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Garhwali Mohalla, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi - 110092 that claims to be engaged in tracing the roots of Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and has traced the roots of 61 PIOs as per the list provided by it and attached as annexure 'A' to this MOU.

2. Whereas the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA), hereinafter referred to as the 'Ministry' considers 'Indiroots' (through its Director Dr Chandrashekhar Tiwary) to be an appropriate organisation for tracing the roots of the persons of Indian origin (PIOs), and wishes to engage its services with a view to assist persons of Indian origin (PIOs) to determine their roots in India;

3. Whereas 'Indiroots' is prepared to lend its services to the Ministry for this purpose;

4. Both parties have, accordingly, agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding for mutual cooperation in tracing the roots of PIOs on the following terms and conditions:

- 4.1 The Ministry would refer requests for tracing the roots, received by it from PIOs based in countries abroad, to Indiroots.
- 4.2 The time assigned in each case will be a maximum of three months from the date the case is referred to Indiroots. A detailed report in this regard is to be submitted to the Ministry within this period.
- 4.3 The maximum amount payable by the Ministry to Indiroots, in each successful case subject to the satisfaction of the PIO concerned, will be Rs 20,000. In case the effort is unsuccessful, the maximum amount payable will be Rs 10,000.

- 4.4 In case of any doubt about the success or otherwise of the case , the decision of the Ministry would be final and binding on 'Indiroots'.
- 4.5 30% of the maximum amount payable in each case i.e. Rs 6000/- would be payable in advance.
- 4.6 Ministry will give adequate publicity to the Programme through its website, Indian Missions/Posts abroad and other possible means.
- 4.7 The Ministry shall not be responsible for any act of omission and commission on the part of 'Indiroots' nor it will be bound to meet any liability arising out of its actions with reference to tracing the roots scheme.

5. The Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for a period of six months from the date of its signing and can be extended with mutual consent for a further periods of six month at a time.

6. The MOU may be amended by mutual consent. Ministry or 'Indiroots' may terminate the MOU at any time by serving one month's notice in writing. However all ongoing projects will have to be completed even after the termination of agreement.

Signed on this 3rd day of October 2008 at New Delhi.

(Dr Chandra Shekhar Tiwary)

(D. N. Srivastava)

Director "Indiroots"

Joint Secretary on  
behalf of Ministry  
of Overseas  
Indian Affairs

Witnesses:

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