

**FEBRUARY 2007  
VISA AVAILABILITY**

The bulletin issued by the Visa Office of the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the U.S. Department of State gives the following availability position for issuance of immigrant visas during February 2007:

**Persons Chargeable to India**

**Family-Sponsored Preferences**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1st Preference | May 01, 2001 |
| 2nd Preference |              |
| 2A             | Mar 22, 2002 |
| 2B             | May 15, 1997 |
| 3rd Preference | Feb 01, 1999 |
| 4th Preference | Oct 08, 1995 |

**Employment-Based Preferences**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st Preference                    | Current      |
| 2nd Preference                    | Jan 08, 2003 |
| 3rd Preference                    | May 08, 2001 |
| Other Workers                     | Oct 01, 2001 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Preference        | Current      |
| Certain Religious Workers         | Current      |
| Iraqi & Afghani Translators       | Sep 18, 2006 |
| 5th Preference Targeted Emp Areas | Current      |

**Persons Chargeable to Other Countries**

For other chargeability areas, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and the nations of Africa, the cut-off dates for February 2007:

**Family-Sponsored Preferences**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1st Preference | May 01, 2001 |
| 2nd Preference |              |
| 2A             | Mar 22, 2002 |
| 2B             | May 15, 1997 |
| 3rd Preference | Feb 01, 1999 |
| 4th Preference | Feb 15, 1996 |

**Employment-Based Preferences**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st Preference                    | Current      |
| 2nd Preference                    | Current      |
| 3rd Preference                    | Aug 01, 2002 |
| Other Workers                     | Oct 01, 2001 |
| 4th Preference                    | Current      |
| Certain Religious Workers         | Current      |
| Iraqi & Afghani Translators       | Sep 18, 2006 |
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**US VISA APPLICANTS ASKED NOT TO  
SUBMIT FAKE DOCUMENTS**

The US visa consular section has requested visa applicants not to provide fake documents to avoid ineligibility for entry into USA. The use of fake bank statements, fake passports, fake visas, or fake identities will lead to a refusal. The State Department computer systems are very capable of detecting all types of fraud. Persons who engage in fraudulent activities are permanently ineligible for entry into the U.S., said a press release.

Be notified not to take advices from strangers, who call themselves visa experts, as they can do more damage than good. "Be careful of anyone asking for money to assist with visa applications. Many people attempt to sell fake documents or provide coaching for the interview. These services are very risky," a release from the Visa Section of the U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh stated.