

Management of a Guesthouse/Tourist residence by a Non-Citizen

Non-citizens must submit their project proposals to the Board of Investment (BOI) which in turn will consult the Ministry of Tourism & Leisure and other relevant organizations on the application. The approval/non-approval of the project will be communicated to the promoter by the BOI.

Hereafter are criteria for assessment to provide guidance to prospective investors: Authorisation to a non-citizen to manage a guesthouse/tourist residence may be granted on a **case-to-case basis** provided the following criteria are met:

- **Management must be tied up with investment**

Management by a non-citizen will only be authorised if either the owner/manager or the management company makes the following investment:

- Existing guesthouse/tourist residence: Rs 500,000 per room
- New guesthouse/tourist residence: Rs 2 M per room

- **Managerial expertise/experience**

The non-citizen must have a track record in management and show evidence of previous managerial positions held in similar establishments abroad.

- **Minimum number of rooms**

The guesthouse/tourist residence to be managed must consist of **at least 12 rooms**.

- **Local staff**

An adequate number of local employees must be recruited and trained.

- **Local incorporation**

The company must be locally-incorporated, if applicable.