To, The Visa Officer, Embassy of Italy, New Delhi, India

# **Subject: Visa Application Reconsideration – Reference ID: ITA/DEL/220824/0017/01**

#### Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to respectfully request a reconsideration of my visa application, with reference number ITA/DEL/220824/0017/01, which I submitted for your kind consideration on 22 August 2024, at the New Delhi VFS Centre. On 02 September 2024, I received an advance notice from New Delhi VFS notifying me of the pre-refusal of my study visa application. The reason cited for this refusal is as follows:

The information provided is unreliable; insufficient proof of intention to return to India.

In light of the above, I would like to provide a detailed explanation to address this concern and earnestly request that my application be reconsidered favorably.

## **Reasons for Studying in Italy**

The Master's program in Food Safety and Food Risk Management at the University of Parma aligns perfectly with my bachelor of technology (B.Tech) in Food Technology and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) certification, enhancing my skills and providing a global perspective crucial for my goal of starting a food safety business in India. The second year offers specialization through collaborations with prestigious universities, allowing me to engage with diverse cultures and academic environments, enriching my education and broadening my horizons. The University of Parma's tradition of academic excellence and emerging research in food safety, particularly under Professor Valentina Bernini, makes it an ideal place for my academic and professional growth. Italy's growing focus on food safety aligns with my career goals.

### **Explanation for Academic Break Before Graduation**

Before completing my B.Tech degree, I took an academic break to prepare for engineering entrance examinations. This period was dedicated to intensive study for highly competitive exams such as the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and other state-level engineering tests. I have attached references and documentation for the exams I attempted during this time to substantiate my activities.

#### Visa Interview

During my visa interview, there were occasional voice breaks due to network issues, which affected my ability to give proper answers. I felt panicked and anxious because of these interruptions.

#### **Intention to Return to India**

I am committed to embarking on my entrepreneurial journey in India's fast-growing food sector, building on my experience and dedication to this goal. While at the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) in India, I managed the operations of the institute's bakery pilot plant. I also had the opportunity to work with other key divisions such as research and development, production and operations, packaging, sales, and business development. This experience has solidified my passion for entrepreneurship. Upon completing my degree, I am determined to return to India to start my own food business, targeting the world's largest consumer market. Additionally, my undergraduate research project led to exciting results with significant business potential. The [name of the university/institute] have already initiated a patent application (refer to the confirmation letter attached from XXXXX) in this regard, further substantiating my commitment to return and pursue my startup business without any delays.

Besides, below are the compelling reasons for me to return home:

- Family Responsibilities and Ties: I am the primary caregiver for my elderly parents and need to return to India to take care of them. Being far away for an extended period is not an option, reinforcing my commitment to coming back home.
- Strong Financial and Property Ties: My family owns several properties in India, and I have attached relevant documents as proof. These assets require my attention and further reinforce my intent to return after my studies. They provide the stability and resources needed to start my entrepreneurial journey in the food sector.
- Supporting the Family Business: I plan to use the knowledge and expertise gained from my studies to help grow our family business. With an enhanced understanding of food safety practices and risk management, I aim to elevate the business and ensure it remains competitive in the Indian market.

Considering the above facts in mind, my return to India is not just a personal choice but a necessity. My entrepreneurial goals, responsibilities toward my aging parents, and my commitment to helping the family business all require me to come back to India. The master's program at the University of Parma will equip me with the expertise needed to make a meaningful impact in the food industry here at home, and I look forward to applying that knowledge as soon as I complete my studies.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind consideration. I shall remain available for an in-person or virtual meeting should you have any further questions or need clarifications.

Sincerely Yours

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