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FILE:

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Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

Date:

JUL 13 2010

IN RE:

Applicant:

[Redacted]

APPLICATION:

Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485) Pursuant to Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

[Redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching your decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$585. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. The case is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record reflects that the applicant is a native of India. On December 16, 2008, the director denied the applicant's Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. The applicant submitted an appeal from the director's denial of the I-485 application. The AAO does not have jurisdiction over an appeal from the denial of an application for adjustment of status under section 245(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act). 8 C.F.R. § 245.2(a)(5)(ii).

The authority to adjudicate appeals is delegated to the AAO by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) pursuant to the authority vested in her through the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296. *See* DHS Delegation Number 0150.1 (effective March 1, 2003); *see also* 8 C.F.R. § 2.1 (2003). The AAO exercises appellate jurisdiction only over matters described at 8 C.F.R. § 103.1(f)(3)(iii)(as in effect on February 28, 2003), with one exception - petitions for approval of schools and the appeals of denials of such petitions are now the responsibility of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The AAO has jurisdiction to review denials of applications for adjustment of status filed by aliens seeking the *bona fide* marriage exemption and aliens in U or T nonimmigrant status. Section 245(e), (l) and (m) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255(e), (l), (m); 8 C.F.R. §§ 245.1(c)(8)(viii), 245.23(i), 245.24(f)(2). The AAO has no jurisdiction to review denials of applications for adjustment of status under section 245(a) of the Act. 8 C.F.R. § 245.2(a)(5)(h). Accordingly, the appeal must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.