

Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Miscellaneous Services

The Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Scheme was operationalized on 2nd December 2005 and formally launched by the Prime Minister during the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas, 2006 at Hyderabad on 7th January 2006. The scheme has generated an enthusiastic response and so far more than 1,95,000 OCI certificates have been issued.

2. Subsequent to the launch, suggestions/representations have been received from Indian Missions/Posts and registered OCIs regarding facilities/procedures for re-issuance of OCI registration certificate/visa in certain situations viz:

- (i) In case of issuance of new passport.
- (ii) In case of change of personal particulars viz. nationality etc.,
- (iii) In case of loss/damage of OCI registration certificate/visa.
- (iv) In case of filling of wrong personal particulars while submitting online applications viz. name, father's name, date of birth etc.,
- (v) In case of manually filled in applications (discontinued now) mistakes have been committed by the Indian Mission/Post/Office while entering the personal particulars.
- (vi) In case of change of address/occupation

3. The above-mentioned suggestions and representations have been duly considered and it has been decided to launch an on-line supplemental service, namely the **OCI Miscellaneous Services from 01.01.2008** which can be availed by all registered OCIs. The OCI Miscellaneous Services have been made available on the Ministry's website www.mha.nic.in/oci/oci-main.htm.

4. **OCI Miscellaneous Services can be availed only by registered OCIs.** Clarifications on various issues concerning the services may be perused on **FAQs**. Application for availing the services should be made **Online**. Before filling the online application, **Guidelines and Instructions for filling application form** may be perused so that there is no mistake in submission of the application. Further, the details regarding **Fee** and **Offices where applications have to be filed** may also be perused. The grant or otherwise of the service(s) sought shall be ordinarily decided in one month from the receipt of hard copy of the application.

6. Upon grant of the requisite service(s), the new OCI documents i.e. the registration certificate and visa would be issued after surrender of the old documents to the Indian Mission/Post to which the application was made.