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CIRCULAR

This is to notify that submission of application for OCI card in lieu of PIO card is voluntary and optional. OCI card in lieu of PIO card can be applied at <https://passport.gov.in/oci>. All extant PIO cards will continue to be valid until further instructions on the matter are conveyed by MHA.

2. Endorsements stating that existing PIO cards are valid for life would be made at the first point with which the card holder comes into contact, be it an Indian Mission, an FRRO or an immigration check-point. These endorsements/ stamps would, however, not be mandatory.
3. Missions/Posts are requested to publicise/notify this circular as deemed appropriate.



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CC: US (DD) – for dissemination on MEA website/social media.