PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Advisory For PIO/OCI Card Holders

All concerned are, hereby, informed that the MHA vide Circular No. 26011/06/2015-OCI dated 29.01.2015 had dispensed with the requirement of ‘U’ Visa OCI STICKER and made OCI Card in the form of Booklet a valid document for travel to India. Therefore, all concerned are requested to carry a valid OCI CARD in the form of Booklet issued to them without ‘U’ Visa OCI Sticker while travelling to India.

2. ALL PIO Card holders are, hereby, informed that MHA, vide Circular No. 26011/06/2015-OCI(Vol.III) dated 22.09.2017 had clarified that after 30.09.2018 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will accept only Machine Readable Travel Documents. Hence, existing handwritten PIO Cards will, therefore, become invalid after 30.09.2018. Therefore, all concerned are requested to obtain Machine Readable OCI Cards in lieu of existing hand-written PIO Cards before 30.09.2018 to avoid any inconvenience.