IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EXISTING PIO CARD HOLDERS:

1. Applications for **OCI Card in lieu of PIO card** by erstwhile PIO card holders (with valid PIO cards as on 09.01.2015) can be submitted **online** at the same link as mentioned for fresh OCI application till 30.09.2015. However, the applicant has to fill the application meant for ‘OCI in Lieu of PIO’, which is slightly different from the fresh OCI registration form.

2. The printout of OCI application in lieu of PIO card (filed online) may be submitted to the Indian Mission/FRRO concerned within the jurisdiction of his/her place of residence and not necessarily at the location where the PIO card was originally issued.

3. Grant of OCI card in lieu of PIO card will be on gratis basis (free of cost).

4. No offline applications shall be accepted for OCI registration.

5. If a foreign national spouse of an Indian national or an OCI card holder who has obtained OCI on such basis, gets separated and remarries to another foreigner, the OCI card will be immediately cancelled. In case of remarriage to another citizen of India or OCI card holder, the person concerned will have to submit fresh application for grant of OCI card.