Subject: Requirement of re-issuance of OCI card only in certain cases and relaxation upto 30.06.2021

Government of India introduced OCI Miscellaneous Services w.e.f. 01/01/2008 for the convenience of the OCI cardholders. These services can be availed of only by the registered OCI cardholders for issuance of duplicate OCI documents in the event of following contingencies:-

(a) Issuance of new passport;
(b) Change of personal particulars viz. nationality etc;
(c) Loss/damage of OCI registration certificate;
(d) Filling of wrong personal particulars while submitting online application viz. name, father's name, date of birth etc.
(e) Change of address/occupation of the OCI cardholder.

2. However, please note that these services are not mandatory.

3. The Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder registration is required to be got re-issued only in the following cases:

(a) each time a new passport is issued up to the age of 20 years of age;

and

(b) once after completing 50 years of age in view of biological changes in the face of the applicant.

4. However, the above requirement mentioned in para (4) has also been waived by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India up to 30.06.2021 and such cardholders will be allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI card bearing old passport number subject to the condition that the OCI cardholder will have to travel along with both old and new passports.