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High Commission of India, Ottawa

Dear PIO Card Holder,

Sub: **Conversion of PIO cards into OCI card deadline 31st December, 2017**

This is to bring to your attention that all PIO cards need to be converted into OCI cards by 31st December, 2017 and this deadline may not be extended.

It may also be noted that the conversion process to OCI card would not require any extra scrutiny or additional documentation except for the requirement of copies of the foreign passport and the existing PIO card.

Please note International Civil Aviation Organization would accept only machine readable Travel Documents from October 2018, thereby making your old PIO Cards redundant.

Advantages for getting your OCI card:

1. Grant of multiple entry, multipurpose lifelong visa to visit India;
2. Exemption from registration with FRRO/FRO for any length of stay in India;
3. Parity with NRI in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating acquisition of agricultural/plantation properties.
4. OCI is a machine readable travel document as opposed to PIO which is hand written.

Given above you are earnestly urged to convert your PIO card to OCI card at the earliest for smooth immigration when you travel to India.

Please change your PIO card to OCI card ASAP to avoid any inconvenience.

For further details please contact:

High Commission of India website: www.hciottawa.ca

BLS website: www.blsindia-canada.com

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