

Government of India notified vide GOI Gazette Notification No.26011/01/2014-IC.I dated 09.01.2015, that all the existing **Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)** cardholders registered as such under notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs number 26011/4/98-F.I dated 19th August 2002, shall be deemed to be Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders. PIO scheme has been withdrawn w.e.f. 09.01.2015.

Applicants seeking to apply for PIO Card may apply for OCI card, as PIO scheme is no longer in existence.