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**Office Memorandum**


**Subject: Mandatory issuance of Revocation Order wherein PIAs decide to revoke the passport by invoking section 10 (3) of the Passports Act, 1967, as Indian passport was obtained after acquisition of Portuguese nationality / citizenship.**

To regulate the surrender cases of Indian passport by an erstwhile Indian citizen on account of acquisition of foreign nationality, instructions were issued vide OM No.VI/405/04/03/2021 dated 30th November 2022 (copy enclosed). Wherein it is stipulated that upon receipt of an application for issuing a Surrender Certificate in lieu of an Indian Passport, PIAs may also revoke such passport by invoking Section 10 (3) of the Passports Act, 1967 if the passport/travel document was obtained by suppression of material information about holder's having obtained foreign nationality.

2. Consequently, PIAs have revoked passport (Instead of Issuing surrender certificate) of many Indian national hailing from erstwhile Portuguese territories in India (Goa, Daman & Du), if the passport in question, was obtained after acquisition of Portuguese nationality /citizenship. Since - Surrender Certificate" is one of the mandatory documents for obtaining OCI Card, revocation of passport has rendered them ineligible for obtaining OCI Card.

3. However, MHA has now decided to accept "Revocation Certificate" as an alternative documents in lieu of Surrender Certificate in case of Indian nationals hailing from erstwhile Portuguese territories in India (Goa. Daman & Diu), who have acquired Portuguese nationality as per Portuguese Nationality Law, and who have been issued "Revocation Order" by the RPOs instead of Surrender Certificate.

4. In view of the above, all PIAs are hereby advised to mandatorily issue Revocation order, in all such cases wherein instead of issuing Surrender Certificate. PIAs decide to revoke the passport by invoking Section 10 (3) of the Passports Act, 1967.

  
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To: All Passport Issuing Authorities in India and abroad.