

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2610
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2014
MERGER OF PIO AND OCI CARD
Galla Shri Jayadev; Joshi Shri Chandra Prakash

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to merge both the cards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to grant dual citizenship to the Indians settled abroad; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

- (a): The salient features of OCI and PIO cards are available on MHA's website www.mha.nic.in. A copy of the same is enclosed as annexure-1.
- (b)&(c): Yes. Madam, various alternatives are being worked out to provide enhanced facilities to the Person of Indian Origin (PIO).
- (d) to (e): There is no such proposal to grant dual citizenship to the Indian settled abroad.