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The Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholder Scheme was operationalized on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005 and formally launched by the Prime Minister during the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas, 2006 at Hyderabad on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2006. The scheme has generated an enthusiastic response.

2. Subsequent to the launch, suggestions/representations have been received from Indian Missions/Posts and registered OCI cardholders regarding facilities/procedures for re-issuance of OCI registration certificate/visa in certain situations viz:

- (i) In case of issuance of new passport.
- (ii) In case of change of personal particulars viz. nationality etc.,
- (iii) In case of loss/damage of OCI registration certificate.
- (iv) In case of filling of wrong personal particulars while submitting online applications viz. name, father's name, date of birth etc.,
- (v) In case of change of address/occupation.
- (vi) In case of official mistake while uploading photo & signature of the applicant

3. The above-mentioned suggestions and representations were duly considered and it was decided to launch an on-line supplemental service, namely the **OCI Miscellaneous Services from 01.01.2008** which can be availed by all registered OCIs. For availing OCI Miscellaneous Services, the applicants may log on to <https://ociservices.gov.in>.

4. **OCI Miscellaneous Services can be availed only by registered OCI cardholders.** Clarifications on various issues concerning the services may be perused on **FAQs** and in the Brochure on OCI. Application for availing the services should be made **Online**. Before filling the online application, **Guidelines for filling application form** may be perused so that there is no mistake in submission of the application. Further, the details regarding **Fee** and **Offices where applications have to be filed** may also be perused.

5. The grant or otherwise of the service(s) sought shall be ordinarily decided in one month from the date of acknowledgement of the application on the online system. No fee shall be refunded if the requisite service(s) are not granted. OCI Card shall be issued in respect of any/all service(s) (*except in cases of change of address/occupation*). The new OCI Card shall be issued only after cancellation of the old OCI Card.

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