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FS/SS/Consul (Cons) from US (VO) Rptd.: HOM/HOP

Subject: Extension of timeline for handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) beyond 31.12.23- regarding.

MHA vide their OM No. 26011/MISC/71/2018-OCI dated 30.12.2023 (copy enclosed) has conveyed that PIO cards will continue to be accepted as a valid travel document till 31.12.2024 along with foreign passport.

2. All Missions/Posts are advised to give wide publicity to the relevant extracts of the OM through their websites and Social Media. However, at the same time, Missions/Posts may continue to advise PIO cardholders to apply for conversion of PIO cards to OCI cards, as per the extant guidelines at the earliest.

Regards,

(Jitendra Kr. Singh)

Encl: As above.