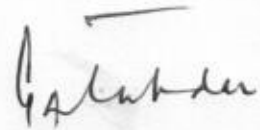


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It may be noted that erstwhile PIO cards are hand written whereas the new OCI cards are machine readable. From October 2018, International Civil Aviation Organization will accept only machine readable travel documents. The existing PIO cards which are hand written will, therefore, become invalid travel documents. Hence, it will be necessary upon PIO cardholders to obtain machine readable OCI cards in lieu of existing hand written PIO cards before October, 2018 to avoid any inconvenience.



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