No. 25022/24/2020-F.V / F.1 Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division)

> Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, India Gate New Delhi - 110002, Dated: 30th June, 2020

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Visa & Travel restrictions in response to COVID -19 - Permitting certain categories of foreign nationals (including Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholders) to enter India - regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.Ms of even number dated 17th April, 2020, 5th May, 2020, 7th May, 2020, 1st June, 2020 & 12th June, 2020 regarding Visa and Travel restrictions in response to COVID 19. Reference is also invited to this Ministry's Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 24th May, 2020 forwarding a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the movement of Indian nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad, along with its partial modifications vide this Ministry's O.M. of even number dated 1st June, 2020. The Government has further considered the need for relaxation of visa & travel restrictions for more categories of foreign nationals who want to travel to India.

2 Accordingly, in supersession of this Ministry's O.Ms of even number dated 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020 & 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, it has been decided to permit the following categories of foreign nationals (including Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholders) to enter India:-

## (A) Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholders

- Minor children who hold OCI cards and whose parents are Indian nationals.
- (ii) OCI cardholders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies like critical medical conditions of immediate family members or death.
- (iii) Married couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national
- (iv) Students, who are OC1 cardholders where at least either of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OC1 cardholder.

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