



## REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

#### Communiqué

During the 14<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Bengaluru, India, on 10 January 2017, the Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, announced a special carve out for Mauritian citizens to obtain an Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Card.

The Ministry is pleased to announce that the Indian High Commission in Port Louis has begun processing fresh applications from Mauritian citizens wishing to register as Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) under the new guideline that has been issued by India.

Under the new guideline, a Mauritian national who is able to establish his or her lineage to the original immigrant from India, upon production of birth certificates issued by the Civil Status Office of Mauritius and certified extracts of records kept either at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute or at the National Archives of Mauritius, would be eligible for the OCI card.

The new guideline removes the previous capping of eligibility for an OCI card up to 4<sup>th</sup> generation. Thus, Mauritian citizens, irrespective of their generation, may now apply for the OCI Card through the Indian High Commission in Port Louis.

Further information is available on the website of the Indian High Commission in Port Louis at: <http://indiahighcom-mauritius.org>