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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
CPV Division

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CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Acceptance of registered rent agreement as a valid document for the proof of address in respect of tenants for grant of passport facilities-reg.

The Ministry of External Affairs' vide its Circular No. VI/402/2/37/2014 (8), dated 30/07/2014, had earlier decided that "the registered rent agreement duly registered under Section 17 of the Registration Act, 1908 and executed in favour of the tenant by the landlord for a period of more than one year, can be accepted as a valid document for the proof of address at the time of submission of passport application."

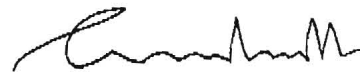
2. It has come to the notice of the Ministry that a number of applicants could not submit their passport applications as the validity period of their registered rent agreements is not in consonance with the provisions of the Registration Act, 1908. To redress the hardship being faced by the applicants, with the approval of the competent authority, it has been decided that the Passport Issuing Authority (PIA) would not adjudicate upon the legality of the registered rent/lease agreement and accept the registered rent/lease agreement without insisting on the validity of the same for more than one year.

3. In view of the above dispensation, it has now been decided that para '2' of the above-referred Circular dated 30/07/2014, may be read as follows:-

"the registered rent agreement duly registered under Section 17 of the Registration Act, 1908 and executed in favour of the tenant by the landlord, may be accepted as a valid document for the proof of address at the time of submission of passport application."

4. All the PIAs are hereby advised to follow the revised criteria as mentioned in para '3' above to process the applications being filed by the applicants alongwith the registered rent/lease agreement as an address proof.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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All PIAs in India/abroad.