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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 23rd December, 2016

G.S.R.....(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Passports Act, 1967 (15 of 1967), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Passport Rules, 1980, namely:-

- (1) These rules may be called the Passport (Amendment) Rules, 2016.
 - (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Passport Rules, 1980 (herein after referred to as the said rules), in Schedule III:-
- (i) Under "(A) Passports", for the sub-heading "For Adopted Children" and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"For Adopted Children:

In case of In-country (domestically) adopted children the following documents are required to be furnished:

The deed of adoption which may either be Notarized or Registered, confirming/detailing the adoption of applicant by the adoptive parents(s) from the biological parent(s). In case, the applicant is not having any kind of deed to confirm the adoption and the situation is so that the same also cannot be executed at this point of time due to death of biological/adoptive parents or any other reason, whatsoever it may be, the applicant may give a declaration on a plain paper confirming the adoption."

- (ii) under "(B) CHANGE OF NAME" and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(B) CHANGE OF NAME/ADDITION OF SPOUSE'S NAME IN PASSPORT ON RE-ISSUE BASIS

- (I) Following marriage, remarriage or divorce:
 - (a) An applicant applying for re-issue of passport for incorporation of the name of his/her spouse;
 - (b) A woman applying for change of name/surname in existing passport due to marriage;
 - (c) Divorcees applying for change of name OR for deletion of spouse's name in existing passport;
 - (d) Re-married applicants applying for change of name/spouse's name in passport.

Except the details provided by the applicant (of any category mentioned above) in the application form, no proof of marriage/dissolution of marriage (court's order for judicial separation/decreed of divorce) etc. is required."

- (II) In other circumstances for change of name, the applicant (both male and female) should furnish:
- (i) clippings of two local news papers or the Gazette notification of the concerned State Government, as the case may be;
 - (ii) at least two public/school documents issued in the desired/ applied changed name to ascertain that the applicant has actually changed his name.

3. In the said rules, in Schedule III, in Section V, for Annexures 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L' and 'M', and the entries relating thereto, the following Annexures and entries relating thereto shall be substituted, namely:-

ANNEXURE 'A'

ALL CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES OF STATUTORY BODIES AND PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS, THEIR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN UPTO THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE AN IDENTITY CERTIFICATE (STRIKE OUT OPTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE)

(To be given in Duplicate on Original Stationery)

Certified that Shri/Smt/Miss Son/Wife/Daughter of Shri, who is an Indian national, is a temporary/permanent employee of (office address) from (date) and is at present holding the post of Shri/Smt/Miss....., who is also an Indian national, is/are a dependent family member(s) of Shri/Smt..... and his/her identity is certified. This Ministry/Department/Organization has no objection to his/her acquiring Indian Passport. I, the undersigned, am duly authorized to sign this Identity Certificate. I have read the provisions of Section 6(2) of the Passports Act, 1967 and certify that these are not attracted in case of this applicant. I recommend issue of an Indian Passport to him/her. It is certified that this organization is a Central/State Government/Public Sector undertaking/Statutory body. The Identity Card Number of Shri/Smt/Miss (employee).....is.....

Ref No. and

Date

Name, Designation, Address and Tel No.

Applicant's
photo to be
attested by
certifying
authority

Annexure- 'B'

SPECIMEN VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE (FOR PASSPORT UNDER TATKAAL ONLY)

(On official letter head of verifying authority)

Reference Number

Applicant's Photo

Verification Certificate

This is to certify that Sh./Smt./Kum. son/wife/daughter of whose personal particulars are given below, has good moral character and reputation and that after having read the provisions of Section 6(2) of the Passports Act, 1967, I certify that these provisions are not attracted in case of this applicant and I, recommend issue of an Indian Passport to him/her. Applicant has been staying at his/her address continuously for the last one year.

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Educational Qualification

Profession (Govt./Private Service/Others)

Permanent Address

Present Address

Place

Office Address with location

Date:

Signature

Office Seal

Full Name

Designation

I Card No.

(Enclose a photocopy of I Card)

Telephone No.

(O).....

(R).....

Mobile No.....