

**No. 26011/01/2015-IC-I(Part)**  
**भारत सरकार / Government of India**  
**गृह मंत्रालय/ Ministry of Home Affairs**  
**Foreigners Division**  
**(Citizenship Wing)**

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MDC National Stadium, India Gate,  
New Delhi-110002, Dated : **08<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.**

To,

**The Director (Census Operations)**  
**(As per the list)**

**Sub : Clarification on documents to be submitted by the applicants applying for Indian citizenship under Section 6B of the Citizenship Act, 1955 as mandated under Schedule IA of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024, (CAR-2024).**

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to this Ministry's communication of even number dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (Annexure – I). The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 was notified on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and came into force w.e.f. 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. Ministry of Home Affairs vide Notification GSR No. 172(E) dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 has notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 inter-alia providing provisions for grant of Indian citizenship to the persons who are eligible under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

2. — The Ministry of Home Affairs vide Statutory Order No. 1241(E) dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 has issued order specifying the authority(s) who are required to process /decide the citizenship application preferred by eligible persons in pursuance of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 read with the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. The Designated Officer (D.O.) of the District Level Committee (DLC) have started scrutinization of citizenship applications and are forwarding the applications to the State Level Empowered Committee (SLC) for decision. The respective Director (Census Operations) (DCO) have also started granting Citizenship Certificate (C.C.) to the eligible applicants.

3. It may be observed that in Schedule - IA of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 i.e. the list of documents to prove that the applicant is a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan (Annexure – II), at Sr. No. 8 the following is admissible : -

***“Any documents that shows that either of the parents or grandparents or great grandparents of the applicant is or had been a citizen of one of the three countries i.e. of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan.”***

4. The Ministry has been receiving numerous queries requesting to clarify as to what type of documents may be accepted from the applicants against Sr. No. 8 of the Schedule - IA of the Citizenship Rules, 2024.

5. In this regard, it may be clarified that the documents under Sr. No. 8 of the Schedule - IA may include any document issued by the Central Government/State Government/any Judicial or Quasi Judicial body in India such as land record, judicial order etc., identifying or representing that the applicant or their parents or grandparents or great grandparents had been a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan.

6. The above clarification may be taken note of while deciding any citizenship application under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA).

7. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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**Copy for information and necessary action to-**

1. The Secretary, Department of Post, Ministry of Communication and Technology, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001 – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to all the Designated Officers dealing with the processing of grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
2. The Registrar General of India (RGI), New Delhi – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to the respective Director (Census Operation) dealing with grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Home Department) of the concerned State/ UT Government (as per list) – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to the officers/officials concerned, who are dealing with the processing of grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

4. The Director (IB), North Block, New Delhi- 110001 – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to the officers/officials concerned, who are dealing with the processing of grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
5. The Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration, East Block- VIII, Level-V, Sector-1, R.K. Puram, New Delhi -110066 – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to the officers/officials concerned, who are dealing with the processing of grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
6. The Chairman, Railway Board, 218, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to the officers/officials concerned, who are dealing with the processing of grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
7. The DG, NIC – with the request that the clarification mentioned above may be disseminated to the officers/officials concerned, who are dealing with the processing of grant of citizenship applications under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

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