



GOPIO International
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Petitioning to Prime Minister of India

Allow Diaspora Indians and PIO/OCI card holders to deposit or exchange demonetized notes

PETITION: Request to treat Diaspora Indians with Foreign citizenship, PIO and OCI card holders as NRIs for depositing old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 Notes

Hon. Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of INDIA
New Delhi, INDIA

Hon. Prime Minister:

Global Organization of People Indian Origin (www.gopio.net) fully supports demonetization of the higher end Indian currencies so as to curtail black money and terrorism funding.

However, Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) requests that:

1. Diaspora Indians with Foreign Citizenship, and PIO and OCI card holders be given the same opportunity for depositing old and obsolete currency notes as given to NRIs (Indian Passport holders), allowing them to deposit up to Rs. 250,000 of Indian currency in the Reserve Bank of India instead of notified amount of Rs. 25,000;

2. some of the NRIs, and PIO and OCI card holders have old currency notes safely kept in their residences in India for reasons such as education of their children in India, supporting old age parents, helping family members, etc., so allow RBI and Banks having NRO accounts to accept the old currency notes up to Rs. 2,50,000;

3. (as it may not be practical on account of job situation or other reasons), Diaspora Indians with Foreign Citizenship, and PIO and OCI card holders are not able to visit India and hence be permitted to deposit in their bank account in India through an authorized agent, the amount certified by the foreign branches of State Bank of India or Indian Missions in the country of their residence or in RBI / NRO accounts with various banks in India.

Finally, since all Diaspora Indians with Foreign Citizenship, PIO and OCI card holders may not be able to visit India prior to June 30, 2017, they should be allowed to deposit old currency notes at either the Reserve Bank of India/NRO Accounts maintained with various banks in India up to December 31, 2017.

Sir, you have repeatedly acknowledged the role of NRIs/PIOs and expatriates in the resurgence of India and their record annual remittances to India which is the highest compared to any country in the world. We urge you to agree to the requested concession for goodwill of thirty million NRIs and PIOs and amend the Notification # RBI/2016-17/2005/DCM/(Plg) No 2170/10.27.00/2016-17 dated 31st December, 2016

I fully endorse and support this appeal.

Himanshu Jain
Bethlehem, PA, USA

Reason for signing

My wife and I visited R.B.I., New Delhi on January 10, 2017, waited in line at the gate of the premises for about an hour, only to be told rudely by the security guards that we would not be allowed to come in because we did not have Indian passport (we hold US passports and OCI cards). We could not even speak to an authorized representative of the bank. It was a humiliating, wasteful experience. We felt grossly misled and cheated with information that kept changing frequently and depended on which authority we talked to. It has left us disgusted, confused and with no further direction about what to do with our legitimate, hard earned Indian currency. We very much appreciate GOPIO's efforts in finding a reasonable solution to this artificially created problem.

Arjun Modi

Venice, CA

Reason for signing

I am signing this because I am a hard working OCI holder, who has paid all required taxes, on time, and to Indian as well as United States government. I should be given a chance to deposit my Rs. 500, and Rs. 1,000 notes as they are hard earned, and LEGAL "WHITE" money. My OCI card states in clear writing that OCI card holders have "Parity with NRIs (Non-Resident Indians) in financial, economic and educational fields EXCEPT in relation to acquisition of agricultural and plantation properties". This is a financial/economical, so why am I not being given parity with NRI in this matter!?

Also, earlier, Prime Minister Hon. Shri Narendra Modiji had stated that everyone will be given a chance to deposit their hard-earned legal money after the 30th December, 2016 deadline. However, now OCI/PIO cardholders are not being given that opportunity. Additionally, it was also mentioned that even one paisa will not be lost for those who have earned it rightfully, but now OCI/PIO cardholders are losing thousands of rupees.

I gracefully welcomed the demonetization policy with open arms, it is a bold and a necessary move. I also promoted cashless instruments to my friends and family. However, it is this sort of unfair post-implementation that I do not support. We all should be given equal chance. It is my hope that this will be considered seriously, and that I, along with my fellow OCI/PIO persons, will be given an equal chance to contribute to supporting demonetization and development of OUR INDIA. No OCI/PIO discrimination.

Rohit Agarwal

Norwalk, CT

Reason for signing

I am an OCI holder, but a patriotic Indian. I supported the demonetization by PM Modiji. However, it looks like, the bureaucrats are undercutting Modiji's efforts. By discriminating OCI/PIO card holders, these bureaucrats are bringing a wedge between Modiji and the Overseas Indian community. We hope that our honorable Prime Minister will take a drastic step to remove these anti Indian bureaucrats. and allow OCI/PIO holders to deposit their demonetized currencies.

Shailesh Naik

Stamford, CT

Reason for signing

All of us, Overseas Citizens of India, keep some money in cash for immediate spendings on our arrival in India. It is our hard earned legitimate money and should be allowed to exchange, conveniently.

Riyaz Abdul Khadar

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Reason for signing

I can go only after june.

Pratima Trivedi

India

Reason for signing

I have old 500 /1000 RS notes I would like to exchange for new notes to be deposited in my NRI account here in Ahmedabad.
Money originally has been withdrawn from my account and I have proof of that.
Kindly please help.

kanaka Tangirala

East Brunswick, NJ

Reason for signing

I am signing because I was not aware of this news until I arrived at the Hyda airport that I cannot exchange 1000 and 500 notes nor I can deposit in my citi bank account, We work hard for the money and come to our motherland to visit our family, this rule is not fare and needs this corrected.

Indira Pammi

Medford, NY

Reason for signing

OCI/PIO should be allowed to exchange

vimala raj

Atherton, CA

Reason for signing

the great democratic country will be fare to us oci pio and iniuan with other country citizenship

Bala Lakshman

The Colony, TX

Reason for signing

OCI card holder was promised with "parity with NRIs in financial, economic and educational fields".

shal atri

Uxbridge, United Kingdom

Shame on indian government for discriminating against oci/foreigners. It is about their own currency. Plus oci was promised that they could come after dec 31 and deposit money and now refused that too. We could have travelled to india before 31 dec as a last resort.



Daipayan Sen

Aliso Viejo, CA

Reason for signing

Honorable Prime Minister Modi, it is our Humble request to please allow US Legal Residents of Indian Origin to Deposit & Exchange old Rs. 1,000 and Rs.500 Notes when they first visit India anytime after the Demonetization order.



Bipin Lekinwala

India

Reason for signing

I have old notes which I cannot change. The government of India allowed us to take 25,000 rupees out of the country but now will not let us change these funds which we kept to use on our arrival in India. We visit overseas countries regularly so we have funds for several countries. Money's for India are required immediately on our arrival for taxis, food, hotels etc. Why are foreign passport holders being punished especially when we are overseas citizens of India.

Vishwa Khanna

Randolph, NJ

Reason for signing

I'm signing because it's unfair not to treat Diaspora Indians fairly on the issue of depositing or exchanging demonetized notes.

Azad Amarshi

Westminster, United Kingdom

May I respectfully point out to the Minister, that registered O.C.I is entitled to the same right as NRI's holding Indian passport.

I refer to the declaration by the Government of India on page 3 of the OCI card: "Parity with NRIs in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating to acquisition of agricultural / plantation properties"

Balkar Kang

Australia

Reason for signing

I am signing because OCI/PIO card holders should be treated as NRI in this matter.

Jagrit Marriya

Oakville, Canada

Reason for signing

I have been salaried (no black money) and find it punitive to not be allowed to deposit my hard earned money because I am an OCI. Also the deadline of 30th June 2017 seems harsh as not all OCI/PIO will be able to come to India by this date.

Vijay Sahal

Calgary, Canada

Reason for signing

“The Ministry of External Affairs” in India handles OCI / PIO Related matters and concerns.

This also applies for foreign tourists in India. They will address and remedy your concerns.

All OCI / PIO holders are advised to contact The Minister of External Affairs – Mrs. Sushma Swaraj for all their concerns.

Twitter may be a good avenue. Also try all other avenues possible.

The Minister of External Affairs – Mrs. Sushma Swaraj twitter account is:

<https://twitter.com/SushmaSwaraj>

Good will and trust of OCI / PIO holders needs to be maintained by the Government of India. This move of not allowing OCI / PIO holders to exchange old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes during the 6 month grace period, similar to NRI’s, is short-sighted and unwise. It is not in the best interest of India. India gets a lot of foreign currency remittances, investments in real estate and other securities and business ventures from foreign citizens of Indian origin.

This move by RBI will create bitterness and mistrust among OCI / PIO holders towards the Government of India.

OCI / PIO holders can easily move their investments and business ventures to other countries if they feel they will not be treated fairly by the Government of India. There is a lot of competition for these investments and business ventures as other countries would welcome that.

OCI / PIO holders have an attachment and a bond with India, even after acquiring the citizenship of other countries.

Business ventures by OCI / PIO holders have a greater chance of success because we understand the culture, language and pros and cons of the legal and business environment.

The seeds of bitterness and mistrust being sown by the Government of India in OCI / PIO holders by this move is regretful and will prove to us that we will be powerless in the future if we invest or work on business ventures in India, in case the Government of India simply decides to takeover our assets and do not treat us fairly in the future.

OCI / PIO holders should get to exchange old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes during the 6 month grace period, similar to NRI’s.

Sushila Mehta

Duluth, GA

Reason for signing

Srmehta

Gurdatt Jagnanan

New York, NY

Reason for signing

Support for the OCI & PIO people.

Daniel SIVAPRAKASAM

France

Reason for signing

sivaprakasam



Rohan Das

India

Reason for signing

Yes, I support

Taha Coburn-Kutay

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

We need to change the currency which has been earned by working very hard. If one man thinks he can change the way NRI'S can do business or support India, he has to come up with better options. I went to RBI to change the currency and was told i can't do so as I

arrived at 3 pm and the counter is open till 2:30 pm. There was no information on rbi's website about the opening times of this counter. the telephone was not answered when i called to enquire. i was also told that only i can change the currency and no one on my behalf can do so. how does this man expect us to leave everything and queue up everyday to do this task. its impossible for me to comprehend this exercise. i fully detest this move which was unilaterally taken by one man in the largest democracy of the world. i have proof of people taking commissions and changing black money in to new notes. this is a total farce and has misled billions of Indians all over the world. Shameful.

Madhu Sudan SUKHWAL

France

Reason for signing

PIOs and NRIs are requesting PM Narendra Modi ji
Madhu Sudan Sukhwal - Paris

ISHWAR RAMLUTCHMAN

Richards Bay, South Africa

Reason for signing

I am signing because it is discriminatory to exclude what the Government of India calls "overseas CITIZENS OF INDIA" from the provisions applying to 'non resident Indians'. I always considered myself an NRI/PIO even though I was not a holder of OCI card. But how

WRONG is the policy of the Govt of India that blatantly discriminates against its own citizens (of whatever category).

Ishwar Ramlutchman

RAJENDRA RAMSAMY

France

Reason for signing

I agree with that request, to my mind my Indian legacy is paramount. I'd truly want to be able to contribute better to its current emergency.

Jagdish Lodhia

Australia

Reason for signing

We have supported India and we recognize it as our true Mother-land traveling more often to India. We should be treated equally and preferably because we do this with our love for India. Modijee, please be kind to us.

Arpana Watts

Edison, NJ

Reason for signing

I have husband who is bed ridden because of that reason is not easy to go to India and stay in big line to exchange the rupees but other hand is important to exchange because I need money to take care of him.

So respected sir we need more time and allow more rupees to exchange then just 25000 .

Thanks

Arpana

Ram Pai

Glen Allen, VA

Reason for signing

Mehen POINOOSAWMY

France

Reason for signing

Special attention and care to be given to those who bring billions of remittances to Mother India.



Umesh Chandra

Australia

I fully Support this petition NRI and PIOs must be allowed the required time.

Niraj Kute

Glen Allen, VA

Reason for signing

This is unfair for the NRI community to loose thousands of rupees because of the corrupt people in India.

Gaurav Bhargava

Glen Allen, VA

Reason for signing

I earned that money when I was in India and I got some of it here for travel expense for my family.

TARUN SURTI

Brentwood, TN

Reason for signing

As a frequent traveler to India, I realized that one must carry some cash upon arriving at Mumbai airport. You can not get even a meal without cash Rupees. So we keep about 25,000 to 50,000 cash rupees with us when we return to USA.

It may be a large sum for Indians living in India, however for us it is merely \$400 dollars. The sad part is the Government of India did not even offer the NRI/PIO, who have become citizen of the country we live in, an opportunity to convert their legal tenders in reasonable fashion. That is unfair.

Jhairam Persaud

Jamaica, NY

Reason for signing

I am signing because PIO and OCI card holders should be treated the same as NRI
It is the right thing to do.

Mahavir Arya

Australia

Reason for signing

It would be ethical if the GOI allows PIOs and NRIs, travelling to India for the first time to India after 8 November 2016, be allowed to convert Rs. 25,000 in accordance with the existing custom rules and regulations. These conversions should happen at the airport on arrival. There should not be any time limit and the existing money exchanging outlets should facilitate this.

It is requested that the demonetisation impact on the PIOs and NRIs should be addressed amicably.

Muhammed Majeed

India

Reason for signing

I am signing because it is the right thing to do.



Anjali Sachdev

Maple Valley, WA

Reason for signing

All policies need to be thought through before implementation. If unforeseen issues do arise, corrective measures need to be taken immediately

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Shashi Ag

Norwalk, CT

Reason for signing

I am having my hard earned money and no plans to go to India before Jun2017. As mentioned by government that person has to appear to exchange notes, I am left with no option but to see my money go waste.

Sudeepa Gupta

India

Reason for signing

Justified.

Ashish Rajhansha

Bath, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

It's our hard earned money as opposed to black money that the PM is determined to get rid off.

sandeep gupta

Houston, TX

Reason for signing

Mr Modi needs to understand the importance of Indian Diaspora to the progress of India and welcome them to the country rather than to let them feel ignored.

sheharhoret shazor

tel aviv, Israel

Reason for signing

pleas

Samuel Daniel

New York, NY

Reason for signing

I need help to change some money.

SOPHIE CHARIKAR

RAMLE, Israel

Reason for signing

PL allow dispspora Indians and PIO/PCI card holder to deposit or exchange demonetized Notes in our living country. From Israel cost so many tourists, Where they exchange their demonetized Notes? PL arrange exchange process in our living country. Israel and India r good friendship. So PL PL.

satish gulani

Laguna Woods, CA

Reason for signing

it is a just cause.

myron pinto

london, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

This petition is ill conceived. Please amend and re-issue. I have 60,00 rupees worth 600GBP. It is ridiculous to suggest I should go to RBI. It would cost much more than that in airfares and accommodation. First option would be to exchange in London. Second option would be to exchange in Goa with sufficient notification and lead time. I only go there every 2 or 3 years and only in Dec to mARCH.

Please govt of India, do the right thing : you are pretending to fight corruption whilst robbing me !

subhash bhargavs

Australia

Reason for signing

Request to treat Diaspora Indians with Foreign citizenship, PIO and OCI card holders as NRIs for depositing old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 Notes.

Chetan Kumaria

Nashville, TN

Reason for signing

When OCI was issued, it was stated that rights of person is in par with indian citizen. Now we have assets in India which generate some money but much below tax class. What we are supposed to do. Do not invest in India anymore?. Is that the answer?



Avtar singh

South Brunswick Township, NJ

Reason for signing

OCI and PIO holders should be treated the same as other NRI's for exchanging/depositing 500 or 1000 rupee notes. Suddenly excluding them from NRI category is unfair as it will cause all the affected people with the said currency to lose their hard-earned money and faith in Indian govt. More over the currency notes say "Guaranteed by the central Government" and the OCI and PIO holders expect the Indian govt to uphold the trust. I support the petition and would request the rule to be amended for foreign citizens with OCI and PIO cards.

Prasad Vepa

Littleton, CO

Reason for signing

Please allow OCI's to also deposit old currency.

GhanShyam Patel

Belle Mead, NJ

Reason for signing

I'am signing because it is fair.

Shilpa Gauba

Sandy, UT

Reason for signing

I would like to be able to deposit Indian currency I carried to USA - for use when I return back home till I reach the bank next time. Small amount, but matters.

PRAVIN PATEL

Reason for signing

I am signing because uk passport holders are ignored, and turned back by rbi for old notes.

Gurdial singh Dhani

Slough, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am suffering too with this issue

K H Patel

India

Reason for signing

I support the petition.

RAJ LAL

Oak Brook, IL

Reason for signing

I'm signing this petition as I've Indian Currency left over from my last visit and was planning to use it during my visit to see family this year. Raj b Lal

Darrell Sequeira

India

Reason for signing

It is our basic human right not to be embezzled from our perfectly documented currency notes. The current status quo is nothing short of institutionalised daylight robbery. Appointing four cities to be the places to exchange old notes is utterly ridiculous. The RBI should pay for our five star travel and hotel costs to their bidding.

Uday Jain

plainsboro, NJ

Reason for signing

Will not be possible to return to India by June 30. Also I am an OCI and I understand current guidelines do not treat OCI cardholders as NRI's.

Navdeep kaur

South Brunswick Township, NJ

I agree with the petition details. OCI and PIO holders should be allowed to deposit the old 500 and 1000 rupee notes and the date should also be extended for them as not everyone will be able to travel to India by June 30, 2017.

Shureena Naidu

Reading, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Every NRI should get a fair chance to deposit their legal Indian currency

Chandra Prakash

North Andover, MA

Reason for signing

OCI and PIO card holders have all the privilege in India other than voting right. OCI and PIO card holders should be allowed to deposit old Rs 500 and \$1000 notes similar to NRI i.e by June 30th 2017. I am signing this petition for this reason.



Divya rani Sampahalli yogananda

Wembley, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am signing petition.

Gautam De

Edison, NJ

Reason for signing

Honorable Prime Minister,

I brought Rs. 25000 last July from India after demise of my father. We had to have a lot of cash as doctor and hospital used to accept mostly cash.

I beg your administration to allow me to return the same 25000 (or up to legal carry limit of Rs. 25000 for all PIOs like me) to Reserve Bank of India branch in India when I visit India in coming June. This is not black money and people like me will lose it for no fault of his.

Thank you very much.

Renu Bains

Highland Mills, NY

Reason for signing

I'm am requesting that Diaspora Indians be allowed to deposit or exchange demonetized notes.

Piyush Vora

Fairfield, CT

Reason for signing

I have INR4000



Prakash Shah

Basking Ridge,, NJ

Reason for signing

It is important that PIO's are treated on par and treated equally in this matter.

Parveen Jindal

Fremont, CA

Reason for signing

I would like to be treated at par withNRIs for the ability to exchange my demonetized notes, this was the promise made by GOI while issuing OCI card.

Thanks for adding your voice.

sushmita Basu

Irvine, CA

Reason for signing

I want to be able to deposit money that I had left at home for my Mother who is bedridden and may have an emergency any time. She is cared for by three caregivers and I have no brothers or sisters to help me.

Inderjit Malhotra

Hayes. Middlesex, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I C I CaRd holder

Jasbir Kaur

Yonkers, NY

Reason for signing

this is the reasonable approach and the right action to take.



Seewoonundun Bunjun

Bushkill, PA

Reason for signing

For a while now, there has been a convergence towards one "class" of overseas Indians, OCIs with same privileges as NRIs, with PIO being phased out. The sums involved clearly suggest mostly "white" money. It makes no sense to

discriminate between NRIs and OCIs; it would be a good move to make people feel that they matter, at very little cost, if any. Some proof of legitimacy of the moneys involved may be possible.

asha samant

livingston, NJ

Reason for signing

We should be treated as par as Indians and strongly suggest rather demand Our Rights should be given justice. Not to loose the part of India which we are?



Dhananjay Gode

New York, NY

Reason for signing

We deserve to be treated better. Demonetization totally disregarded PIO and OCI holders.



Ganesan Maniam

Singapore, Singapore

Reason for signing

I've experience the same too

Chamkaur Singh

Beanhill, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Help our people



Suresh Edavana

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Reason for signing

I believe the request is genuine and of great concern to NRI's, especially the lower income group living in the Middle East.

Tilak Sharma

Australia

Reason for signing

Indians whether living in India or abroad should be treated fairly by the Indian Govt.

Harsh Puri

Australia

Reason for signing

I am signing because it is only fair to ask for this. A sensible policy should have taken into account that all NRIs /OCI s cannot visit India before the time limit.

Mukesh Joshi

Roscoe, IL

Reason for signing

I am signing this because my wife is big fan of PM and she listens all the lectures by PM. Unfortunately, "papdi saathe Iyal Baffai gayi lage chhe"
Please help us out.

Philips Cherian

India

Reason for signing

OCI/ PIO/ NRE s do have practical difficulty in wasting their time at RBI during their short visit to India. Alternate arrangements by way of consulate /embassy/ High Commission certified deposit into one's own account or with passport entry date, say, upto Rs 250000 etc can be convenient modes of encashment of the demonetised currencies.

Tushar Pritamlal Doshi

Singapore, Singapore

Reason for signing

As President of The Singapore Gujarati Society and Executive Committee Member of GOPIO Singapore, I support this petition and feel that OCIs, PIOs holding Non Indian passports should be treated as NRIs especially in this regards.

Bijal Kamdar

Harrow/London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I reside in UK and I have some Indian currency, but due to my poor health currently I am unable to travel to India before June 2017. I appreciate if the period is extended to December 2017 which will give me some time to heal and travel safely . Thanks.

Pran Wahi

Seattle, WA

Reason for signing

This is impacting a large number of NRIs with foreign citizenship and PIO nad OCI card holders in USA and elsewhere.

Noel Lal

Australia

Reason for signing

I agree with the all who signed up.

Priyodorsi Goswami

Venice, FL

Reason for signing

I think it is not fair at all to exclude OCIs and PIOfs from the government scheme to exchange old currency. I don't see what gain is derived from this action. All of us can easily prove the source of our funds.

Krishna Gupta Gupta

Australia

Reason for signing

Because I support this.

roshan clair

Quesnel, Canada

Reason for signing

I am angry because the government showed no respect for oci holders.

Geeta Sehgal

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

We want our demand to be fulfilled through this petition.

Praveen Jain

Australia

Reason for signing

I believe that OCI holder should be treated like any other NRI.

Sanjay Jain

Stafford, TX

Reason for signing

I believe Govt. should honor what Hon. PM has said. RBI should not make it difficult for NRI's to do business and investment in India.



Rajen Shah

Wembley, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

6 month dead line for exchanging demonitize notes is not practical it should be allowed more time for diposit in RBI.



Sanjay Sehgal

Hounslow, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

We want all demands written in this petition to be fulfilled.



Dipak Chandra

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am an OCI holder. Back from India in November. I could not make another trip in such a short notice just to convert currency. Moreover there is no option for oci holders!!!

Dhiraj Verma

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Those who hold OCI/PIO should not be put in a worse position because of their status as living overseas. We support and love India- the creation of OCI/POI was meant to protect us and acknowledge our contribution to our country of origin.

Binod Verma

Regopark, NY

Reason for signing

NRI has not been given enough time to go to India and exchange the Rs 500 note with bank. Why alternate arrangement can not be made.



Puneet Dwivedi

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Please don't ignore 16 million NRIs . Thanks

deven thaker

Cerritos, CA

12 hours ago

Reason for signing

I would want P.M. Modi to help the Diaspora Indians with this just and immediate request.

Jayshree Shah

Wembley, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

massive people abroad who have Indian rupees left over from trips to India. Collectively it could amount to a few lakhs and not all can afford to lose it just like that.

Neha Malhotra

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

This is wrong, I am an OCI but I have cash because I come to India often

Rajnikant Doshi

Edison, NJ

Reason for signing

my wife and my Nephew Both of them are in India and there is No one in custom that they would Issue certificate as advertised. and Reserve Bank In Mumbai, has no clew of Money exchange.

Government does have a simplified policy that we all, including government workers can understand.



Harish Agarwal

Bangalore, India

Reason for signing

Yes I support, we are Indian as well.

Raj Mittal

Monroe Township, NJ

Reason for signing

NRI's must given the privilege to exchange or deposit their Indian currency notes in the local Indian banks . The money they are holding is not black money, but it's the hard earned money.

Gaurav Maleri

LONDON, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

The move is even illegal. All foreign citizens holding INR, the Indian government can't disallow them to let their money go waste.

dipenkumar brahmbhatt

stanmore, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

we are osi holder and we should get chance to deposit our Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes when we come to visit India.

Bali Kochar

LONDON, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I cannot get to India in time to deposit these funds, I cannot send them by post so I stand to lose these funds. GOI would demonstrate it has the interests of all Indians, be they inside or outside India at heart, by allowing these funds to be deposited in the branches of Indian banks abroad.

Azad Amarshi

Westminster, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I noticed that NRI's with an OCI status are excluded. May I respectfully point out to you that registered O.C.I is entitled to the same right as NRI's holding Indian passport. I refer to the declaration by the Government of India on page 3 of the OCI card: "Parity with NRIs in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating to acquisition of agricultural / plantation properties"

ramesh vyas

Harrow, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am also having problem with this issue.



sudheer surapaneni

Liverpool, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

The Modi governments dictatorial rule will end soon. RIP fanaticism



Vijay Padmanabhan

Slough, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I do not plan to travel to India by 30th June 2017 and need the time extended till Dec

Vijay Trivedi

Australia

Reason for signing

Disregard for OCI/PIO individuals despite the amount of money that has been invested in the Indian Economy.



Pallavi Jain

Bradford (West Yorkshire), United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Pallavi Jain



Guniraj Vyas

Dunstable, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

It represents FAIR treatment of the overseas Indians...NRI's are as much Indian as indigenous Indians.

Jagjit Sehra

Scarsdale, NY

Reason for signing

Modi government is stupid. How could they miss this law-abiding category of Indians?

Kapil Verma

Houston, TX

Reason for signing

Yes OCI card holders travel often to India and must be allowed.

Annapurna Sen

Shenley Lodge, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

We should be given equal opportunity as our fellow Indians and non resident Indians. Why discriminate?

Chandra Has Roy

Crumlin, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I had saved money in my residence which was not accessible to me as I was in UK. It seems unfair that I cannot use my own white money due to the changes during my absence.

Mr. Singh

Oyster Bay, NY

Reason for signing

I'm signing this because I should deserve what I was promised by Government of India on my OCI card, equal treatment as NRIs in regards to all financial, & economical matters. Government of India is breaking its legal promise! Very disappointing!



Dr. Srirama sherry Venugopal

Birmingham, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am an NRI with OCI and. I have heard the difficulties of NRIs in depositing the old notes in the various banks in India.

Geeta Shah

Houston, TX

Reason for signing

I was born in India, now living in USA. I visit India every few years to see my family.



phulwinder pabla

redmond, WA

Reason for signing

Not fare with NRI.

Nirvana Dutt

Edgware, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

It is preposterous to penalise genuine NRIs who have been greatly inconvenienced by this retrospective order & steps should be taken to rectify this. For example & as smacking of Indian incompetence there is no sign at the airport to give arriving NRIs any guidance as to what procedures to follow when carrying Indian currency which has been suddenly taken out of circulation.

Rajendra Desai

Randolph, MA

Reason for signing

Although I personally hold no Indian currency; I know some friends who are unhappy that they have no way of exchanging theirs. I can't understand why the Indian Government does not allow Indian banks operating in U S to carry out this function!



Eye Da

Tampa, FL

Reason for signing

India had no problem getting us to transfer funds we earn abroad into Indian banks, and now doesn't want to extend this obvious courtesy?

Kamal Kannan

Foster City, CA

Reason for signing

Govt. need to be considerate and pragmatic!

Subhash Tah

Lilburn, GA

Reason for signing

Just visited India earlier this month. As soon as we landed @ ING airport in New Delhi we went to the currency dis closer booth and filled the paperwork and the guy took our passport (American) numbers and gave us the paperwork to deposit @ the RBI New Delhi. But when we arrive at the RBI we were denied to enter the building as we were the American Passport holders. The people working there had very unprofessional behavior. We had about Rs 65K. and we came back extremely disappointed.



Gopal Chakravarthy

Agoura Hills, CA

Reason for signing

I am a US citizen of indian origin holding on to demonitized INR and I feel that GOI did not think it through that PIO will find this degrading.

Anoop Radia

Harrow, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Not able to be in India within the time scale and rupees we have is what we got by exchanging sterling when in India and all rupees notes we have if 500 and 1000 be allowed to be excepted by bank and we can change to new notes.

Ahmed Shakir

New Hyde Park, NY

Reason for signing

NRI had no time to get their money exchange.
Also ok. Let NRI those who opened the accounts

& now we can't withdraw our money.
We opened these accounts to support Indian appeal to deposit more Dollars.!

Ashvin Mehta

Coventry, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am an NRI with British citizenship. Yet, I'll be turned away if I visit RBI bank in Mumbai.



K R Maheshwari

India

Reason for signing

I am a proud Indian and I also contribute towards the growth of our economy

Avinasg Malhotra

Flushing, NY

Reason for signing

It is the fair thing to do.

Michael Lutzenberger

Croydon, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

OCI/PIO holders are currently unfairly disadvantaged and many will lose money



Sandip RAHA

Bridgend, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am a NRI and it's a just reason

Dushyant Purohit

Hartsdale, NY

Reason for signing

OCI/PIO registered Indians have basic rights for access to services of financial transactions available to Indian citizens.

Jayanthi Kandaswamy

Surrey, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am signing because I too struggled when I visit India.



Roopa Lutzenberger

Croydon, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I have made every effort to contact RBI, three emails given by them including on circular bounced. I enquired everywhere. Now I travelled to Mumbai to try my luck all the way from Hyd. Disheartened to see it doesn't work. Tweeted PM, Sushma Swaraj, Finance Ministry, Jaitley n more but no response. My family is tired on hearing about SBNs from me all this trip which was supposed to be an enjoyable holiday. All we ask is fair deal. Our OCI booklet says equal financial representation which we feel deprived now of. Please act. Thank you

P Joshi

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Government of India should consider PIO and OCI card holders to allow them facility to deposit/exchange demonitised Rs500 and Rs1000 notes in country of residence or in Indian Banks.

Sneh Sharma

Troy, MI, AL

Reason for signing

S.I. Sharma

Balaji Radakrishnan

Nashua, NH

Reason for signing

OCI's were promised to be treated equal to Indian citizens, but now with demonization grace period for NRI's they are NOT.



Sujata Kancharla

Glasgow, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

All Overseas Citizens of INDIAN ORIGIN deserve a FAIR DEAL. This group has been overlooked. I hope this oversight by the Indian Govt and can be remedied thru negotiations ASAP.

Lavleen Kumar Chadha

Epworth, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I regularly visit India with my family. Despite having regular connections with India, people like me with OCI/PIO have been given an unfair deal as currently we can't exchange old notes. I will request fear Modiji to change that.

Nirmal Sinha

Columbus, OH

Reason for signing

This is very fair to allow foreign citizens of Indian origin to get the benefit. They are contributing a lot to India and for long.



Jagadish Sadashivaiah

Birkenhead, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

We are asking for a fair deal

Vas Arora

Yorba Linda, CA

Reason for signing

Vasarora

Joseph Thomas, V

Bergenfield, NJ

17 hours ago

Reason for signing

I fully support of this petition being submitted to Hon. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.

Veronica Thanicatt

Queens Village, NY

Reason for signing

I am signing because I feel all of us should be treated equally, weather PIO and OCI card holders as they are also in need of help.

Jai Radhakrishnan

New York, NY

Reason for signing

Indians who left India to earn their living should not be deprived of their hard earned money because they were not in India to deposit the demonetized notes when banks were accepting the notes.

snehal panchal

Tuscaloosa, AL

Reason for signing

This would help NRI for depositing old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 Notes. They should justify the amount and why it took long.

Vashisht Sharma

McLean, VA

Reason for signing

Support of appeal

Sontu Bindra

Australia

Reason for signing

do not penalise for reason

Ramesh Dwivedi

Houston, TX

Reason for signing

Good and fair cause for those who have worked hard in their life.

Balu Mistry

Auckland, New Zealand

India should be proud of contributions made by diaspora.

karsan patel

Perivale, United Kingdom

Due to personal reason I could not be in India during November/ December time.

Nilesh Ruparel

Hounslow London, United Kingdom

I too feel I am being penalised unfairly. I have earned these rupees and paid taxes on it. I hold this in cash for the convenience of my elderly parents when they visit India as they are unable to use digital currency.

praful o.uk patel

India

I AM NRI/ BRITISH CITIZEN.I HAVE OCI. Please allow us to credit old notes.

Daljit Cheema

West Bridgford, United Kingdom

I feel it unjust that we are penalised and have to suffer a monetary loss through no fault of ours.

Hemalatha Sinha

Sugar Land, TX

i have some 500 Rupee notes I will not be able to use when I go visit india

Roney Daniel

Cary, NC

I do have a few 500/1000 notes that I would like to exchange after June 30th 2017 since my travel plans are for 2nd half of this year.

Harish Kotecha

Enfield, United Kingdom

I am signing because the Notification # RBI/2016-17/2005/DCM/(Plg) No 2170/10.27.00/2016-17 dated 31st December, 2016 discriminates against OCI holders.

Radhika Tandon

Hereford, United Kingdom

Not giving the same rights to exchange money to OCI holders as NRIs is totally unfair, illogical and discriminatory, and is the reason I am signing this petition.



Roop Goyal

Redlands, CA

There is no reason to treat OCI or foreigners with demonetized Indian currencies different from NRIs. The idea is that they were not in India when the demonetization occurred. In fact June 2017 deadline is short for people staying outside India.

JATINDER SINGH

MOHALI, India

I strongly support this cause.
Jatinder

Rasik Sanganee

Croydon, United Kingdom

I am signing this petition as I also want to deposit old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes



Aroon Shah

Malden, MA

Thanks.

Sir Mohinder Dhillon

Nairobi, Kenya

To request better treatment for PIO/OCI card holders to conduct their business and money transactions easier

Mahendra Nath Aindley

Oslo, Norway

It is just towards people of Indian origin who contribute it to the development of your old country.

Yogesh Virmani

Manchester, UK, United Kingdom

Kindly allow PIOs and CIOs to deposit their currencies till June 30th, 2017 as has been done for NRIs and the reasons are the same as for NRIs. Please respect our sincerity to the country of our origin INDIA where we were born and spent crucial years of our lives there and supported Indian causes in a variety of ways. In my case it has been acknowledged by a few awards like Hind Ratan, Nav Ratan, Glory of India etc. for which I am grateful.

Hope you will consider these positively for which I thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

Yogesh Virmani

(Dr Yogesh Virmani MBE JP)

Vinod Kumar

San Diego, CA

It is very unfair to expect me to travel to India to deposit Rs. 4000 I have left over from previous visits.

Bharat Dave

Carlsbad, CA

This is very important for us Indians who are in a fix need to be able to exchange old currency to new

Indravadan Shah

New York, NY

I believe in it.

Sarbjit Sidhu

Corona, CA

Hi thank you for fighting for us.



Ashok Kumar

India

Because it is a very genuine demand. GOI must provide some solution to this just demand.

SUNDER ZAVERI

Boxford, MA

Reason for signing

I AM SIGNING IT BECAUSE AS OCI HOLDER WE WERE PROMOSSED TO BE TREATEED EQUALLY AS FEW ISUES



Chhaya Kachalia

Fresh Meadows, NY

Reason for signing

This is 100% wrong, We love and care India and Modi We feel from inside that we are Indian origin, when first heard this news that we cannot exchange old rupees, nobody understood and believe. I hope they do something, otherwise not good for future

Narendra Nath

Copiague, NY

Reason for signing

Govt of India should arrange for Indian Consulates in USA to exchange the old demonetized notes to the newly issued notes.

Kiran Sharma

Mableton, GA

Reason for signing

I am signing because I have about Rs. 18,000 in cash with old Rs. 1000 bills. Surely it is our hard earned money and would very much appreciate it if possible for me to deposit old Indian rupees notes and get an exchange as I am an NRI living in United States of America and now stuck with my money.
Your help in understanding is much appreciated.

Ranjana Martinez

San Antonio, TX

Reason for signing

I am signing to support all those Indians who live abroad and are unable to fly back to the Motherland to exchange their old notes. Please make the rules more flexible for them.



Gopal Sharma

troy, MI

Reason for signing

I feel that what the Indian Government is doing for us OCI is morally & ethically wrong



Jayasri Hart

Montrose, CA

Reason for signing

After 30 years in USA, I am still an Indian citizen and have homes in both countries. I trust that my government will look after my interests and others of Indian origin wherever they are in the world. Thank you.

Ratilal Lalji

Australia

Reason for signing

I have some rupees that I want to deposit or exchange

Raj Gupta

Knoxville, TN

Reason for signing

I should be allowed to exchange my Rs 500 and Rs 1000 Indian bills to applicable currency in India as this is my genuine money I been holding with me for use in India whenever I visit India next.

Thank you.

Harjeet Tah

Lilburn, GA

Reason for signing

I need to see a change which is fair for the whole Humanity!!!!

Kumar Gupta

Australia

Reason for signing

On one hand, OCI/PIO are praised for billions of foreign exchange remittance and investment on other hand PM Modi ji wants OCI to forget their hard earned WHITE money. The FEMA rules clearly allow import/export of 25K by any person. At least I expect Govt. of India to announce whether they are willing to consider deposit by OCI or not. If not then why?

Anurag Lalit Kumar Jain

BH8 OBU, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am on OCI card holder. If OCI treated in PAR with NRI, why we are being discriminated and not allowed to deposit demonitised Indian currency. Narendra modi policies are not fair and he has let down global oci and pio community.

KARTIKEYA AMIN

Trenton, NJ

Reason for signing

I am signing since for all practical purposes you have treated Indians with foreign citizenship as Indians...then why we have to appeal you and cajole you? With kind regards...

Yogesh Thapliyal

Duluth, GA

Reason for signing

I truly believe that Indian government has not shown maturity in the implementation of the demonetization program and has inconvenienced Indian and NRI's. We have the right to exchange our legally earned Rupees to the new notes.

[Lakshmi Kandari](#)

[Australia](#)

[I believe in equal treatment and opportunity for all overseas diaspora indians. It is only fair and honest treatment if people of Indian origine'](#)

[Narayanan Komerath](#)

[Alpharetta, GA](#)

[This is insane if true: the Reserve Bank of India is violating the law by treating OCIs differently in this. They should be promptly fired. Why should I have to travel to India costing Rs. 2 lakhs, to deposit my hard-earned 10000 rupees of legitimate Indian currency? PM is being sabotaged by the RBI goons. Fire them.](#)

[Anil GUPTA](#)

[Australia](#)

[I am against any discrimination](#)

[Eusebio Dias](#)

[kingsbury, United Kingdom](#)

[I have a OCI and my wife too.](#)

[Rashmi Malik](#)

[Australia](#)

[5 hours ago](#)

[OCI Should have the same facilities and priveledges as NRIs. Currently the policy for depositing old notes discriminates against OCIs.](#)



[Vikneswaran Pillai](#)

[India](#)

[Help everyone](#)

[pierre RAYAPPA](#)

[France](#)

[Je signe pour avoir mon droit comme je suis porteur de la carte PCI](#)
[Merci](#)

[Praveen Jain](#)

[Australia](#)

[I can feel the pain of diaspora Indians due to demonetisation.](#)

Chaks Karuturi

Charlotte, NC

Give at least the citizens of Indian origin a chance to deposit the old notes. It is only fair.

Suraj Gautam

Scottsdale, AZ

I am signing because that will be right thing to do by the government.

AK D

Atlanta, GA

11 hours ago

I am requesting that the rules regarding exchange of demonetized bills be made coherent and practical.

Mukund Joshi

Marietta, GA

It is fair to give these folks an opportunity to convert old currency as all of them may have shortage of resources to travel before Dec 31, 2016 to india. Allow them to convert old notes in their country of residence. Impose a limit on amount allowed.

Jyotindra Bhutwala

India

To exchange 25k I have to make special trip to Mumbai which cost me 20 k as I do not have any relatives where I can stay.



manish jain

Australia

Signing because I feel I am left out



Sree Sreenath

Cleveland, OH

Many of my relatives and friends are affected.



Chander Aggarwal

Jonesboro, GA

I am supporting because we are also
NRI because I am born in India and OCI living in USA.

Benjamin Panicker

Ottawa, Canada

This is an important issue currently facing by NRIs word wide

Nishi Puri

Australia

I fully support this appeal for all the causes mentioned in it

Keshav Goel

Australia

I want Foreign Citizen of Indian Origin to be treated at par with NRI.

Santosh Kalhan

Cleveland, OH

Like other NRIs with an OCI card, we have demonetized currency which we should be allowed to be exchanged.

srinivasa Varadhan

New York, NY

I think it is right. I do have some demonetized notes.

Sharda Subramani

Ottawa, Canada

It is an unfair and discriminatory policy.

VIJAYALINGAM RATNAVADIVEL

Colombo, Sri Lanka

sons education balance cash of Rs.10,000/=

Hari Kumar Darnal

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Hkdarnal

Luv Shah

Wilmington, DE

I love India.

Ram KRITILATA

Pamplemousses, Mauritius

For depositing old notes for the citizens of Mauritius.

We need more cash option for purchase, travel and payment of long term obligations for properties

HEERALAL PAKEN

DURBAN, South Africa

SUPPORTING AS I AM A OCI

Thayil Mathew

Los Altos, CA

I have few now withdrawn currency notes in my possession in USA.

Taru Patel

Washington Crossing, PA

Policy of excluding PIO/OCI holders for exchange of demonetized currency is discriminatory and contrary to assurances given of equal treatment when such PIO/OCI cards were issued.

Bhagubhai Patel

India

I have money to deposit and want fair treatment to non-Indian citizen NRIs.

Thomas Abraham

India

POI's need their time to surrender their notes.

vinod sahgal

ottawa, Canada

I just came to India. Shiocked to get rejected despite OCI promise against discrimination. Reminds me of totalirism. Not rul of law. Fast losing confidence of this Govt.



Bharat Patel

Washington Crossing, PA

2 days ago

I am signing this because when we applied for OCI we were assured same government treatment as afforded Indian citizens and the current policy is contrarary to those assurance. Why would then diaspora support the motherland?

Haleema Moopen

Port Charlotte, FL, USA

Reason for signing

we need more time.



Vaishali Patel
San Francisco, CA, USA

Reason for signing

X

Ram Mohan Mallik
Houston, TX, USA

Reason for signing

I am myself a victim of demonetization.

Rajeev Menon
New Canaan, CT, USA

Reason for signing

Rajeev Menon

SHRIKANT AKOLKAR
Fullerton, CA, USA

Reason for signing

NRI Limit is too low. Deposit only at RBI only is not practical. Procedure must be simple, easy and fast for NRIs with or without Indian passport.



Veer Khar

Auckland, New Zealand

Reason for signing

Request to treat Diaspora Indians with Foreign citizenship, PIO and OCI card holders as NRIs for depositing old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 Notes.

Neha Kapur

Cumming, GA, USA

Reason for signing

We NRI's need this.



memon a kader sait

jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Reason for signing

I believe by 30th June it's not possible for all NRI to come to India and deposit. This date to be extended to minimum 2 years for all NRIs Community as majority of NRIs from Gulf have vacation only once in 2 years.

Shameeli Kapoor

East Brunswick, NJ, USA

Reason for signing

Equality for all!!



itilasha gupta

Australia

Reason for signing

There shouldn't be discrimination among people of same origin.

Sumant Gupta

Australia

Why there is discrimination between people of same origin.

Satyendra Jain

Irvine, CA, USA

Reason for signing

I believe this discrimination against foreign passport holders is unfair, and destroys image of India always meeting its commitments. It could negatively impact investment in India.

Abha Gupta

Australia

Reason for signing

I feel it is gross injustice by Govt. of India to treat OCI/PIO like this.

Uma Seth

Pittsford, NY, USA

Reason for signing

My husband tried to exchange the old notes during his visit to India, but was refused. He wasted a lot of time, even after following the directions from his bank.



Ashwin Shah
London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am an Indian.



Subhash Bhatt
Skokie, IL, USA

Reason for signing

I believe People of Indian Origin should be given same rights as NRI.

DILIP VISHWASRAO
Waukegan, IL, USA

Reason for signing

I have some amount of old notes of Rs.500 and Rs. 1000 denomination left over at residence in India from my last year's visit to India. During the visit my wife had an emergency angioplasty procedure performed at a hospital in India and I had to pay the bills every day. I regularly pay every year my taxes in India as well as U.S.

Geetha Jayaram

west haverstraw, NY, USA

Reason for signing

We carry little currency when we leave India for our immediate expense when we visit our country again. We should not be penalized.

MEHMOOD SYED

Flushing, NY, USA

Reason for signing

I fully agree with the view expressed by our GOPIO Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham and support him.



Naren Thappeta

India

Reason for signing

India should support the causes of the mobile Indians, who consistently care for India. Hon. PM is prayed to show his support!

Suresh Chandra Agarwal

4103 Bottmingen, Switzerland

Reason for signing

Why only depositing in an account? Upto 25,000.00 Rs should be allowed to be changed into new notes.

Himanshu Majmundar

Edison, NJ, USA

Reason for signing

It seems there was no attention paid to NRIs.



Deva Sarran Samaroo

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

BECAUSE IT IS UNFAIR TO PIONEERS WHO ARE TRULY PATRIOTIC TO BHARAT MATA.

Ram Kakkar

Cerritos, CA, USA

Reason for signing

I am signing for an equitable treatment to everyone you promised.

Yehoshua Naor

RAMLA, Israel

Reason for signing

I THINK IT IS A VERY FAIR REQUEST.

Manoj Shah
Lindenhurst, IL, USA

Reason for signing

I was at Mumbai airport on 11th jan with all the documents but was denied.
I like to know is who can have NRE NRO accounts?
Will indian passport holder have this accounts?
Oci
Manoj Shah

Kanadathethil Thomas Thomas
Hornchurch, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Thomas

satya sharma
plymouth meeting, PA, USA

Reason for signing

This is the right thing to do.

Sachin Tandon
Hereford, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

It seems unfair to discriminate against OCR and PIO holders, yet give extra rights to exchanging money for NRIs. It illogical and discriminatory!

Dayaprakash Satyadeva
Johannesburg, South Africa

Reason for signing

Unity - Vasudaivam Kutumbakham

Asif Khan

Raleigh, NC, USA

Reason for signing

I am signing because it sounds fair and reasonable. It is not possible for NRI to travel to India just for the purpose of depositing currency and no one should lose their hard earned money. In my opinion, government should make it easy for NRI and allow replacing their money first time NRI returns to India after demonetization. NRI contribute a lot and should be treated fairly.

Ravi Tandon

Hereford, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I think this is a very discriminatory rule against PIOs and OCIs. I went to the RBI in Delhi recently on my current visit to India and was refused entry on the grounds of not having an Indian Passport. We leave most of our cash back in India after our visit. Now all those Rs.1,000 and Rs.500 notes are junk for no rhyme or reason. Which I think is very unfair.



Peter Ramrayka

London, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am signing this petition because I feel the action goes contrary to the Indian government's encouragement for People of Indian origin to become involved in relevant issues in India.

Melvin D'Souza

Toronto, Canada

Reason for signing

I and friends have few thousands of rupees in 500 and 1000 notes mainly held to facilitate travel in India on arrival.



Mayur Vora
singapore, Singapore

Reason for signing

My wife & I (born in India) are coming to India on 1st Feb to go to RBI to deposit our cash.

We have been classified as NRI for years. PIO/OCI came only recently. We are PIO but it is silly to make us Overseas Citizens of India as we cannot hold dual passport.

All Banks, Govt Dept, Tax office, etc classify us as NRI , knowing for the fact that our passports are not Indian.

We all NRIs took the word NRI on face value.

Even today in papers they use the term "NRI" but now RBI , without any seance, send people back. We overseas people spend good money to come and contribute to Indian Forex mkt/economy & now treated like dogs.

Even the Singapore Indian High Comm OCI application, clause 3, says that PIO/OCI will be in Parity with NRI.

Avinash Seth
Pittsford, NY, USA

Reason for signing

I am OCI card holder. I'm presently in Indi. I went to the Reserve Bank of India, Delhi Branch to deposit Rs 11500 only in my NRI account and I was told that folks holding OCI/PIO card are ineligible

Nyal Chandaria

Pinner, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

I am NRI with UK passport and there should not be any discrimination between the Indians

GOOJHA VED PRAKASH

France

Reason for signing

It's Pure Justice & Basic Common sense ! Jai Hind!



Bruno Gomes

SWitzerland, Switzerland

Reason for signing

I sign because this is not faire for the Govt to treat us like this.



Jawahar Singh

Marlboro Township, NJ, USA

Reason for signing

OCI and PIO should also have the right and the opportunity to exchange their legit demonetized money.

Vasu Pawar
Hesperia, CA, USA

Reason for signing

Vasu Pawar

Vyas Sharma
Massapequa, NY, USA

Reason for signing

Need to deposit old Indian notes

Armando Mendes
Perivale, United Kingdom

Reason for signing

Request to treat Diaspora Indians with Foreign citizenship, PIO and OCI card holders as NRIs for depositing old Rs 500 and Rs 1000 Notes

Surendra Chuahan
Mclean, VA, USA

Reason for signing

I will not be able to visit before June 2017 and had US citizenship. I had renounced the Indian passport.

Bhupendra Verma
Stamford, CT, USA

Reason for signing

This request is in the Indian tradition of fairness and equity.

Aman Aggarwal
Princeton, NJ, USA

Reason for signing

PM and the Govt Notification (SO 3407) committed that "Any one" shall be allowed till March 31st. Now RBI has made a U turn and barred OCI. That's betrayal of Trust in India.

Nashin jaikharan

Johannesburg, South Africa

Reason for signing

PM Modi to consider the plights and needs of NRI. The blood, upheld culture and belief systems (Brahman and Vedic) remains fixed, resolute and is nurtured.

Sumant Gupta

Australia

Reason for signing

I think it's a very genuine request as I am sure as most of OCI holders still and probably always be Indian at heart. They have lots of interest and investments with in India that links into outside world. Having Indian currency in smasher amounts is only natural. We are here to support each other helping India grow and there has to be trust among ourselves to be efficient.

Citra Bhim

Johannesburg, South Africa

Reason for signing

Have rupees to exchange

Joann jo Khaira

Australia

Reason for signing

We need more notice



GOPIO Canberra
Australia

Reason for signing

We fully support it. The objective of demonatization is to root out black money, fake currency, and terror funding.
It should not harrass and deprive genuine people to deposit their hard earned white money.

Suresh Dang
Australia

Reason for signing

I am signing the petition because there is a discrimination with OCI, POI & NRIs.

Rakesh Jain
Australia

Reason for signing

I am signing because I believe PIO and OCI interests and loyalty towards India should be respected and their hard earned monies should not be treated as illegitimate money.



Bhaswati Bhattacharya MD
Kolkata, India

Reason for signing

The inability to deposit old notes is just wrong and unfair. Indians hunting for foreign investments should remember the need to behave properly with NRI/OCIs.

Gautam Hindustani

India

Reason for signing

GOVERNMENT MUST FIND SOLUTION FOR NRI/PIO

Ajay Singh

Silver Spring, MD, USA

Reason for signing

Ajay Singh

Subhash Dang

Australia

Reason for signing

I am not happy with the GOI discriminating OCI/PIOs & NRIs.

Rakesh Malhotra

Australia

20 hours ago

Reason for signing

OCI and PIO should not be discriminated as that are valuable assets still keeping the contacts with India and supporting the cause in India.

Giridhar Sai

Muharraq, Bahrain

Reason for signing

I approve this petition.

Ashok Garg

Australia

Reason for signing

I sincerely believe that RBA cannot deny the right to exchange, the Indian RBA and Govt credibility in question.

Sherita Kommal

Pretoria, South Africa

Reason for signing

Have have currency with me and I was sent away from the Reserve Bank in Kerala on 2 Jan 2017

Dr Neerja A Gupta

India

Reason for signing

I understand the problem faced genuinely by overseas Indian community.

Rajiv Agarwal

Carmel, IN, USA

Reason for signing

Discrimination based on what passport someone holds is not a good idea for any country

Chander Vohra

Australia

Reason for signing

it makes no sense that OCI are not allowed to deposit their own money Policy can be so short sighted is unimaginable. If policy does not change there will be no future remittances to India and will suggest all others to do same.



Baljinder Singh
Australia

Reason for signing

Of thuggery of the official workers in the Finance sector during this period.

Saji George
India

Reason for signing

Has to be heard and changed.

Satyapalo Anand
Herndon, VA, USA

Reason for signing

I am signing because I am also effected by apparent casual attitude to Indians living abroad in this particular respect. We should be allowed to de;posit demonetized notes of Indian rupees right here in USA, no questions asked.

ARVIND THATTE
Edison, NJ, USA

Reason for signing

I am signing because I fully agree with the petition. Honest and innocent persons should not be penalized for no fault.

Narinder Grover

Australia

Reason for signing

I am signing because it is discriminatory to exclude what the Government of India calls "overseas CITIZENS OF INDIA" from the provisions applying to 'non resident Indians'. I always considered myself an NRI even though I was a holder of OCI card. But how WRONG is the policy of the Govt of India that blatantly discriminates against its own citizens (of whatever category).



Zafar Iqbal

Germantown, MD, USA

Reason for signing

I think people living outside India should be given facility to send the demonetised aurrecy to Indian banks in countries of their current residence.

Bipin Changela

Marietta, GA, USA

Dr Mohan Singh

Australia

Reason for signing

OCI and PIO deserve a fair go like Indian redidents and overseas Indian citizens. OCI and PIO brought Indian rupee notes out of India legally and should be provided with adequate time to exchange / deposit old high denomination currency notes.



Raj Agrawal
Edison, NJ, USA

Reason for signing

we are out of country and often travel so it is convenience to keep the currency rather than exchange every visit, we request to let us deposit as currency was stopped accepting



Vijay Panchal
Suwanee, GA, USA

Reason for signing

I'm signing because our request (demand?) is fair - it's our hard-earned money - not earned thru "60:40" deals.

Ramesh Malik
Australia

Reason for signing

I am an OCI . OCI should be treated like NRIs for all facilities and privileges.



PRAVEEN SHARMA
S.I, NY, USA

Reason for signing

I agreed with your petition lot of Indian bring the money overseas. Given by there grandfather and grandmother or relatives on good occasions for family members.

Koozhampala Joseph
Huntington Station, NY

Reason for signing

I am signing because I believe that the citizens should not be punished on the inability of the government to control the black money or fake currency.

Kuriakose Pannikodu
Fairfield, CT, USA

Reason for signing

KP



Dinesh Mittal
North Brunswick Township, NJ, USA

Jay Abraham

South Glastonbury, CT, USA

Reason for signing

I am a Diaspora Indian without an OCI. I visit India quite often and keep money for the taxi at the airport and other small expenses when I reach India. I should not be penalized for not being in India from Nov. 8th to Dec. 30th.

Reason for signing

I faced the same problem just a week ago.



Randhir Naik

Clifton, NJ, USA

PM try to understand over difficulty and help OCI & PIO people Thanks

Yash Singh

Riverside, CA, USA

Reason for signing

Nri should be allowed to deposit old currency in State Bank Of India branch where they live



Koshy Thomas

Orpington, Kent, United Kingdom

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Thanks for adding your voice.



Dr. Thomas Abraham
Stamford, CT, USA

Reason for signing

Diaspora Indians with foreign citizenship and OCI/PIO card holders are being turned away by Reserve bank of India from depositing their demonetized currencies, although govt. had announced that it has extended the date for NRIs to deposit their currencies till June 30th, 2017. However, Diaspora Indians with foreign citizenship after standing outside the gate for several hours and when they reach the gate, they have been told that only NRIs with Indian passport can go inside. It is a major issue to be corrected. GOPIO has now taken up this issue and has sent this appeal to Hon. Prime Minister Modi. Indians who left India to earn their living should not be deprived of their hard earned money because they were not in India to deposit the demonetized notes when banks were accepting the notes.

GOPIO International Executive Council requests you to sign up this petition and forward it to your family members and friends and request them to sign up and support this campaign.

Dr. Thomas Abraham
Chairman, GOPIO International