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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Sub: Non-acceptance of Ration Card as a document of identity or proof of Residence

As stipulated under para 4(6) of the Gazette Notification No. GSR 213(E) dated 20/03/2015 issued by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India, it has been decided by Ministry of External Affairs that Ration Card shall not be accepted as a document of identity or proof of residence by Passport Issuing Authorities with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

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