PRESS RELEASE

<u>CHANGE OF JURISDICTION FOR MOGA DISTRICT FROM</u> <u>CHANDIGARH REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE TO JALANDHAR</u> <u>REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE</u>

This is to notify to the passport applicants residing at Moga district that, with effect from 19th Sep, 2015, the jurisdiction of Moga district will be re-aligned from Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh to Regional Passport Office, Jalandhar.

In view of the above change, the applicants from Moga district, henceforth, will be serviced at any of the three Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) Jalandhar 1 (Eminent Mall), Jalandhar 2 (Aman's Plaza) and Hoshiarpur under the jurisdiction of RPO, Jalandhar. This will be effective from 19th Sep, 2015.

Applicants applying on and after the above mentioned date would require selecting any of the above PSKs while filling up the online application form. The issuance of passports for the applications applied online on or after 19th Sep, 2015 will be undertaken from RPO Jalandhar.

The applicants who have already applied online, generated the ARN and taken appointment will continue to be serviced at Ludhiana, Chandigarh and Ambala PSKs. The issuance of passport for the applications applied online prior to 19th Sep, 2015 will be undertaken by RPO Chandigarh.

The cut-off date for applying online and scheduling appointment at PSKs under RPO Chandigarh will be 18th Sep, 2015 for the residents of Moga district, There are no other changes in the procedure of filling up the online application form and processing of application at the PSKs.

Any enquiries pertaining to status of application, passport and police verification will be entertained by RPO Chandgiarh for the applications applied online till 18th Sep, 2015. From 19th Sep, 2015, the enquiries related to applications applied online will be entertained by RPO Jalandhar.

For further information, please refer to MEA website — <u>www.passportindia.gov.in</u> or contact the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh and Regional passport Office, Jalandhar. Applicants may also call up National Passport Call Centre at 1800 258 1800.