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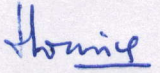
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Correction w.r.t guidelines regarding change of name in passport – inclusion of Gazette of India (Central Government) as acceptable document – reg.

In continuation of this Ministry's OM No. VI/401/01/05/2020 dated 29.05.2020 (copy enclosed) regarding guidelines for change of name in passport, and in view of the order dated 01.04.2026 (copy enclosed) passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 4145/2026 (Raj Trehan vs. Union of India & Ors.), the matter has been examined.

2. The Hon'ble Court has, inter alia, directed that the issue regarding inclusion of "Gazette of India (Central Government)" as an acceptable document for name change be considered and appropriate decision be taken by the competent authority.
3. Accordingly, it has been decided that the existing provisions contained in para 2(i) of the OM dated 29.05.2020 shall stand modified to the extent that the "Gazette of India (Central Government)" shall also be accepted as a valid document for change of name, along with Gazette notification of the concerned State Government and other prescribed documents. This was an omission in the O.M. dated 29.05.2020.
4. The revised provision shall be read as under:
"Clippings of two local newspapers or Gazette notification of the concerned State Government or Gazette of India (Central Government), as the case may be."
5. All other provisions of the OM dated 29.05.2020 shall remain unchanged.
6. All Passport Issuing Authorities are requested to take necessary action for strict compliance of the above and ensure uniform implementation.
7. This issues with the approval of JS(PSP) & CPO.

Encl: As above


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