



Multiple Passports — Legal Position in India

India does not allow dual citizenship; if an Indian citizen acquires foreign citizenship, Indian citizenship is automatically terminated. However, Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) status provides a lifelong visa but does not confer citizenship rights.

In limited cases, the government may issue a second passport booklet for administrative reasons, but this remains within a single citizenship framework. Minors may temporarily hold dual status but must choose one citizenship after attaining adulthood.

Under the Passports Act, 1967, holding multiple passports through concealment can lead to penalties, including impounding or cancellation. The issue has gained attention following allegations involving Pawan Khera.

APSC Relevance: Important for polity, citizenship laws and legal provisions.