

## ABSTRACT

### **RIGHTS OF OVERSEAS CITIZENS OF INDIA: THE ATTITUDE OF INDIAN LEGISLATORS**

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The term Citizenship is very ambiguous in nature with no definite meaning and but it is also considered as the sole criteria to determine rights and duties separate from the citizen of another country. In this regard the amendment to the Citizenship act to add the concept of overseas citizen of India cardholder had a major role to play in the development of the country. Overseas citizen does not directly mean the dual citizen but special privileges or status which is given to overseas citizen which is also supplemented and recognised by the constitution of India. The topic has a very large significant in the contemporary period in relation to present government which is focussing very much on “Make in Project” , so that India can also compete with other developing nation. The paper tries to analyse the attitude of the Indian legislators regarding the privileges and benefits which are given to overseas citizen time to time by amending the act or by passing the notification or ordinance, whichever is necessary and thereby conclude that the legislators must change the attitude in relation to the overseas citizens because with the advent of a world order where the boundaries a between nations are almost dwindling away and cosmopolitanism has gripped the world imagination there may exists no valid reason as to why the overseas citizens should not be included in the Indian Community.

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