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DUAL CITIZENSHIP TO THE INDIANS WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE
CITIZENSHIP OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Respected sir,

1. I, Colonel Ran Singh Dudee (Retd.) is the National President of political party registered as "SUPERPOWER INDIA PARTY". With my life's experience, I have observed that Indians have made a mark for themselves worldwide as we are intelligent, hard-working and result oriented.
2. As a patriot, I wish to do something so that the brain-drain which has been happening for the last so many decades can be reversed. Our human resources should be utilized for the benefit of our country so that we achieve our aim of becoming a **superpower nation**. Along with numerous other aspects which have put us among the list of few strong nations, this aspect will help in achieving new heights for our nation.
3. Hence, the motto of my party is to bring back all Indians by providing better financial rewards and better work life balance which is the key motivation for them to move out of India.
4. Sir, I am aware that this will require a lot of planning and management at all levels, but I am convinced that if we can offer dual citizenship to them, they will be motivated to return to the motherland.

Lets look at the reasons related to the brain-drain from the country are-

- (a) Primary reason for opting citizenship out of India is to earn dollars.
 - (i) The total population of country at the time of independence was appx. 34 million/34 crores. It has grown to appx. 144 crores at present.
 - (ii) Value of one dollar in rupee in 1947 was 3.30 Indian rupees.
 - (iii) Value of one dollar in rupee in 2023 was 83.38 Indian rupees.
- (b) What Is Dual Citizenship? With this an Indian citizen can retain his Indian citizenship even after he/she obtains the citizenship of any foreign country.
- (c) Advantages of Dual Citizenship
 - (i) Political Rights

Dual citizens can participate fully in the political life of every country where they have citizenship. This includes the right to vote and stand in elections, and the right to make donations to political candidates.
 - (ii) Work and Travel

Unlike foreigners, dual citizens do not require a visa or permit to visit the countries where they have citizenship, and they can stay for as long as they like. They also have the right to seek work in both countries, while foreigners must pass through a lengthy process to get a work permit.
 - (iii) Social Services

Dual citizens can receive the benefits and privileges offered by each country where they are a citizen. For example, they may travel to receive medical treatment or procedures that are not available in the other country of their citizenship. They can also receive an education at the same price as domestic students.

(IV) Two Passports

As a dual citizen, he/she is allowed to carry passports from both countries. For example, if he/she are a U.S. citizen and a citizen of India, he/she can travel conveniently between these two countries.

(V) Property Ownership

Another benefit of dual citizenship is the ability to own property in either country so that frequent travelling /staying in any country is more economical.

(vi) Cultural Education

As a dual citizen, he/she reaps the benefits of being immersed in the culture of the two countries. This is an opportunity to promote the country's cultural heritage as a tourist attraction.

Since the concept of dual citizenship is complex considering the rules and laws regarding citizenship vary in different countries, we need to have planning committee involving qualified experts like accountants and lawyers, who can help form guidelines and policies on the same.

(b) Disadvantages of Dual Citizenship

(i) Dual Obligations

As a dual citizen, he/she will be bound by the laws of both countries. For example, if he/she is a citizen of the U.S. and a country with mandatory military service, he/she can lose the U.S. citizenship under certain circumstances, such as if he/she serve as an officer in a foreign military that is engaged in a war against the U.S.

In general, U.S. policy recognizes that dual citizens might be legally obligated to fulfill military obligations abroad, and many can do so without jeopardizing their U.S. citizen status, but it is important to research each situation carefully.

(ii) Double Taxation

For individuals who are dual citizens of the U.S. and another country, the U.S. imposes taxes on its citizens for income earned anywhere in the world.

If he/she is living in the country of dual residence that is not the U.S., there will be burden of double taxation on income earned in both countries.

However, income tax treaties between the U.S. and other countries serve to effectively reduce or eliminate an individual's tax liability in order to avoid double taxation. For example, a treaty between the U.S. and New Zealand overrides the income tax laws of each country to avoid double taxation. Even so, dual citizens may be required to file U.S. tax returns even if they are living and earning income in New Zealand.

Because tax laws are complicated and can change from year to year, it's important for individuals facing this situation to consult with a qualified tax accountant.

U.S. citizens are required to report their overseas income, even if it is earned as a foreign citizen. The Foreign Earned Income Exclusion allows U.S. citizens to exclude up to \$112,000 of foreign-earned income from their taxes in 2022 (\$120,000 in 2023).

(iii) Barriers to Some Forms of Employment

Depending on his/her career path, dual citizenship can be a disadvantage. If he/she is seeking a position with the U.S. government or the job requires access to information that is considered classified by the U.S. government, having dual citizenship may bar him/her from gaining the security clearance he/she needs for this type of employment. Those born into dual citizenship may encounter fewer problems than those who actively sought it out.

(iv) Complicated Process

Sometimes dual citizenship happens automatically (for example, when a child is born in the U.S. to foreign parents). Other times, however, the process can take many years and can be extremely expensive and complicated. This can deter some people from pursuing dual citizenship.

(v) Which Passport Should Dual Citizens Use?

Each country has its own laws and restrictions about who can enter its borders, and dual citizens should consider the advantages of both passports when crossing customs. For example, if a certain destination offers visa-free travel to country A and strict visa requirements for country B, it makes sense for a dual national to use country A's passport rather than country B's. Conversely, some countries may require him/her to use a specific passport if he/she have it. The United States requires all dual citizens to enter on their U.S. passport.

(d) The Bottom Line

Dual citizenship is when a person is a citizen of two countries at the same time, with all the rights and privileges that come with it. Dual citizens can travel freely in both countries, as well as work, do business, own land, and do other activities that

may be restricted to foreigners; however, there are also disadvantages, as dual citizens may face extra taxes or even military service.

5. Indian Constitution does not allow dual citizenship. There is a provision to amend the constitution so it must be amended.

6. Our Hon'ble foreign minister Shri Jai Shanker feels that there are economic and security threats in dual citizenship. Special law can be enacted to remove the economic and security barriers for those holding dual citizenship.

7. I have interacted with high-net-worth individuals with origin of India who have obtained citizenship of other countries. They are talented and have earned enough, but our law debar the talent and money to come to India in absence of dual citizenship.

8. If I am allowed to explain by personal example, my elder son an alumnus of Queens Mary University of London after his master's in aerospace is settled in London on exceptional talent visa. My younger son is an alumni of Trinity college Ireland after finishing Master's in International Management and has settled in Dublin. Both are engineering graduates from BITS Pilani.

In absence of dual citizenship, I will have to perforce/against my desire sell my Indian property and stay with them in old days as a result Indian money and talent going out of country are not allowed to come even if they want.

Similarly, others are also not allowed and as a result we are losing both talent and finance.

9. In case you do not agree with my viewpoint, kindly give me an audience with you in the presence of Hon'ble prime minister and foreign minister. Alternatively, a high-level committee may be constituted, and I request to be included as one of the members to present my stand of dual citizenship.

10. **Prayer** In the above facts and circumstances it is most humbly prayed that dual citizenship may please be allowed in the interest of nation to bring back the finance and talent at the earliest possible. This is notice under CPc80 for 60 days to communicate me your kind decision else I will be constraint to resort legal remedy/filing PIL

Thanking you,

Yours's sincerely

(Colonel Ran Singh Dudee)

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