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My dear Mr. Saleh,

Many thanks for your detailed mail, with a resume of the issues raised by you and others in my interactions with members of the Foundation for Critical Choices for India (FCCI) at the Holiday Inn in Leiden, during my recent visit to Netherlands. I thoroughly enjoyed my interaction with you and other members of your distinguished think-tank and wish to thank you and other office-bearers of FCCI on this score.

My responses to the points made by you in your mail *ad-seriatim* are as follows: -

1. I have noted your concerns on the Social Security Agreement, expected to be signed soon, by myself and my Dutch counterpart. I have extended an invitation to him to visit India some time after summer for the purpose. Like you, I am keenly looking forward to operationalizing the agreement, which has been so enthusiastically negotiated between the two sides.
2. My Ministry is in consultation with the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs regarding the issue of anomaly in the fee structure presently obtaining in the Euro-zone countries of the PIO and the OCI cards.
3. We are conscious of the hurdles faced in effecting remittances by bonafide organizations for legitimate purposes under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). However, in the light of the genuine security concerns and because of the imperative need to check money laundering and such other malpractices, there are bound to be some problems and delays, which I am sure you will appreciate. On our part, we will try and ensure that the delays are minimized and the procedures simplified.
4. While entry of OCI Card holders could be considered, exclusively on the basis of their OCI Booklets/Cards, our attention has also been drawn to regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), which recognize only the national passport and visa as valid international travel documents. Nevertheless, we will strive to find a *via-media*.
5. MOIA website will soon be overhauled. The suggestions made by you will be given due consideration.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
  
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