

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-322  
ANSWERED ON-09.07.2014**

Asylum plea of Pakistani Hindus who fled Pakistan

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the present status of asylum plea of Pakistani Hindus who have fled Pakistan and are presently living in India in various camps?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

Some Pakistani nationals belonging to minority communities in Pakistan including Hindus, who came to India on valid visas, have not gone back to Pakistan on the grounds of religious persecution in Pakistan. Representations have been received requesting for allowing extension of visas of such Pakistani nationals and also for permitting them to apply for Long Term Visa (LTV). This Ministry had issued instructions on 7th March, 2012 to all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations to consider requests of such Pakistan nationals belonging to minority communities in Pakistan, in the light of the general guidelines issued by the Government for dealing with cases of foreign nationals in India, who claim to be refugees, for grant of Long Term Visa (LTV). Grant of LTV to such Pakistani nationals is continuous process. Government has so far approved grant of LTV in respect of 43 such Pakistani nationals (25 in Rajasthan, 5 in Uttar Pradesh and 13 in Uttarakhand). Further, Government of NCT of Delhi has referred a proposal for grant of LTV to 386 such Pakistani nationals.

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