

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-48**  
**ANSWERED ON-26.11.2014**

Persons from Pakistan seeking Indian citizenship

48 . Shri Anil Desai

- (a) the number of persons crossed over from Pakistan during the last ten years and living in India seeking Indian citizenship;
- (b) what facilities are being provided to such unfortunate and poor people in India;
- (c) the reasons for such increasing number of requests; and
- (d) what is Government's policy towards such persons and how many persons have been granted the citizenship and how many persons sent back forcibly to Pakistan during the same period?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*48 FOR 26.11. 2014.

- (a): Such data about the persons crossed over from Pakistan during last ten years is not maintained in this Ministry. Further, persons who migrated from Pakistan to India are considered for Indian Citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and rules there under.
- (b): Certain category of Pakistani nationals, who have been granted Long Terms Visa (LTV), can take employment in the private sector. Children of such Pakistani nationals who have been granted LTV can take admission in schools, colleges, Universities, technical/ professional institutions subject to usual conditions prescribed for foreigners in this regard.
- (c): As per information available, the main reason for increasing number of certain category of Pakistan nationals coming to India on valid visa and

not returning back to Pakistan is reportedly the religious persecution in Pakistan.

(d): The provisions available in the Citizenship Act, 1955 and rules there under are applicable to all foreigners (including those who migrated from neighboring countries such as Pakistan). There is no discrimination on the basis of nationality or gender of a person for grant of Indian Citizenship. All eligible foreign nationals can apply for Indian Citizenship under the relevant clauses of the Citizenship Act, 1955 applicable to them. Besides this, Special Task Force has been formed to facilitate Pakistani nationals for registering themselves as Indian citizens. The process for online application has also been relaxed for these migrants while doing away with certain document. 5223 Pakistani nationals have been granted Indian Citizenship during the period from 01.01.2003 to 20.11.2014.

The details of Pakistani nationals, who were found to be overstaying and were deported during the last three years is as under:-

Overstaying		Deported			
2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
8037	1411	4815	69	31	58

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