

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1022
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Hindus Sikhs migrated from Pakistan Afghanistan

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- (a) the State-wise number of Hindus/Sikhs from Pakistan and Afghanistan living in various parts of the country;
- (b) the number of Hindus/Sikhs out of these who have applied for Indian Citizenship;
- (c) the present Status of their applications; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to allow the doctors and engineers among the Hindus/Sikhs migrated from Pakistan/Afghanistan to work in the country and if not, the reasons therefor and the details how can they start jobs?

ANSWER

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

- (a) State-wise number of Pakistan and Afghanistan nationals living in India as on 31.12.2012 as per information available is given in the Annexure.
- (b) From 2011 to February 2015, a total of 1240 Pakistanis and 1047 Afghanistans have applied for Indian Citizenship.
- (c) Citizenship certificates have been issued to 1238 Pakistan nationals 468 Aftghanistan nationals.
- (d) State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are empowered to grant permission to Pakistani nationals staying on Long Term Visa (LTV) under eligible categories to engage themselves in employment of purely private nature, i.e., excluding Government/semi-Government, local bodies, cooperative jobs, etc. These instructions have been reiterated to all State Governments/UT Administrations on 15.12.2014. No such specific instructions have been issued by the Government in respect of Afghanistan Nationals.
