

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-694
ANSWERED ON-02.03.2016**

Denial of citizenship to persons migrated from Pakistan and other countries

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(a) whether Government has denied the citizenship to some persons including film personalities, business persons and other who have migrated from Pakistan and other countries despite staying in India since Independence, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the citizenship granted/ denied on the applications received and the basis adopted to grant /deny citizenship to any person?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Citizenship is granted/ denied as per the provisions of Citizenship Act, 1955 and the rules made thereunder. The Citizenship Act, 1955 provides for acquisition of Indian citizenship by birth, descent, registration and naturalization. As per existing procedure available under Rule 11 & 12 of the Citizenship Rules, 2009, an application for registration under section 5 or naturalization under section 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 is made to the Collector/Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate within whose jurisdiction the applicant is ordinarily resident.

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The application along with a report on the eligibility and suitability of the applicant is sent by the Collector/Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate to the State Government/Union Territory Administration. Thereafter, the application along with the recommendation of the State Government is sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Each application is examined in the Ministry in terms of the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Rules framed thereunder after obtaining security clearance from the Security agency.

Each applicant whose case is found to be fully complete with the prescribed requirement is informed about the acceptance of his/her application through the State Government/UT administration. The applicant is, then, required to furnish through the State Government/UT administration inter-alia a certificate of the renunciation of his/her foreign citizenship issued by the Mission of the concerned country. Thereafter a certificate of Indian citizenship is issued to the applicant through the State Government.

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As per records available, number of Citizenship certificates granted in the last five years to Pakistani nationals and others is:

Year	Pakistan	Others	Total
2011	302	136	438
2012	356	200	556
2013	301	262	563
2014	267	352	619
2015	263	344	607
2016 (till date)	65	55	120
