

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-705
ANSWERED ON-08.02.2017**

Identity certificates to refugees from Pakistan

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- (a) whether Government is aware that Jammu and Kashmir Government had recently decided to issue nativity and identity certificates to about 1,50,000 refugees from erstwhile Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to grant them Indian citizenship and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

- (a): The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported that there is no such specific proposal at present under consideration of the State Government for the West Pakistani Refugees.
- (b): Unlike the Displaced Persons (DPs) of Chhamb of 1947, West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) have not been granted State subject status. As such, they do not participate in the State Assembly Elections and are not entitled to any employment under the State Government.
- (c) West Pakistan Refugees settled in the state Jammu and Kashmir are citizens of India.
