

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
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Sikh and Hindu refugees from Afghanistan and Pakistan

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- (a) what is the number of Sikh and Hindu refugees from Afghanistan and Pakistan who came to India during the last three years;
- (b) how many of them have been granted Indian citizenship; and
- (c) by when the remaining persons are likely to be granted Indian citizenship?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
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(a): In the absence of any authentic survey, the accurate data of Sikh and Hindu refugees who came from Afghanistan and Pakistan during the last three years is not available.

(b) & (c): As per the data available in online system, 1595 Pakistani and 391 Afghanistani migrants of all religions have been granted Indian Citizenship in last 3 years (2016 to 2018). Provision for capturing online citizenship data of migrants from minority communities namely Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian hailing from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh was introduced in 2018. As per the available data, 295 Hindus and Sikhs from Afghanistan and Pakistan have been granted Indian Citizenship since then.

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