

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1022

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13, 1936 (SAKA)

HINDUS/SIKHS MIGRATED FROM PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN

1022. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

- (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 RIJIJU)

- (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 Afghanistanis 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.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred
Question No.1022 regarding Hindus/Sikhs migrated from
Pakistan/Afghanistan

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF PAKISTANI AND AFGHANISTANI LIVING IN INDIA AS ON 31.12.2012.

SI. NO.	STATE	NO. OF PAKISTANIS	NO. OF AFGHANISTANIS
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	29
2.	Assam	Nil	18
3.	Chattisgarh	1	Nil
4.	Gujarat	43	4
5.	Haryana	160	819
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	11
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	43	4
8.	Karnataka	21	Nil
9.	Kerala	7	Nil
10.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
11.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil
12.	Rajasthan	1705	Nil
13.	Telengana	100	Nil
14.	Tripura	Nil	Nil
15.	Uttarakhand	50	15
16.	Uttar Pradesh	585	9
17.	West Bengal	52	2
18.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	Nil
19.	Daman Diu	Nil	Nil
20.	Delhi	239	Nil