

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*360

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017 / CHAITRA 15, 1939 (SAKA)

ILLEGAL OVERSTAYING OF FOREIGN NATIONALS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals were issued Visas under various categories during 2014-15;

(b) whether Government has any record to state as to how many of them have returned to their own countries after the expiry of their Visa, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place to ensure that foreign nationals, especially from neighbouring countries are not allowed to overstay illegally, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*360 FOR  
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- (a): The number of visas issued under various categories to Pakistan and Bangladesh nationals during the years 2014 and 2015 are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>
2014	94993	652919
2015	77543	751044

- (b): The number of Pakistan and Bangladesh nationals who overstayed and later departed during the period 1.1.2014-31.12.2015 are as follows:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Overstayed</b>	<b>Departed after overstay</b>
Pakistan	48510	12200
Bangladesh	20870	8387

- (c): Law enforcing agencies maintain a vigil to intercept the foreigners overstaying in India. In genuine cases, where the overstay is unintentional or because of ignorance or under compelling circumstances, the period of overstay is regularized and visa extension fee is charged for the overstay period. Where the overstay is found to be intentional, the foreigner is served with Leave India Notice and penalty/visa fee for the period of overstay is charged as per instructions. Legal action under Foreigners Act is also taken based on merit of each case which includes placing the name of the foreigners in the Black List.

