

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3730.

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

LONG TERM VISIT VISA

3730. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of categories, under which the foreigners get long term visit visa with multiple entries particularly United States nationals and others;
- (b) whether the Pakistani origin/ nationals can get the long term visit visa;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of cases in the Ministry for long term visit visa especially of US nationals during the last three years and current year; and
- (f) the details of visa holders and non-visa holders within the same period?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the existing instructions, foreigners of all countries (except otherwise notified by the Government of India) can get long term visa for 5 years with multiple entries in four categories viz. Tourist visa, Employment visa, Business visa and Student visa. However, nationals of USA, Japan and Canada can get 10 year multiple entry Tourist visa and Business visa.

(b): No, Sir.

(c) to (d): Pakistani nationals can get visitor visa of six months to meet relatives or friends or any other legitimate purpose and the duration of stay in India at a time shall not exceed three months. However, senior citizens (above 65 years of age) or a Pakistan national married to an Indian and their children below 12 years of age accompanying parents may be granted two years visit visa with multiple entries subject to certain conditions.

(e) to (f): The details of long term visit visa issued during the last three years and current year is as under:-

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017 (Till 28th Feb. 2017)
10 years Tourist visa issued to US nationals	75985	146542	138575	20556
5 years Tourist visa issued to foreigners of other nationalities.	92825	152355	165425	31156
