

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1796**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04th DECEMBER, 2019/ AGRAHAYANA 13, 1941 (SAKA)

ASYLUM TO CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES

†1796. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding giving asylum to citizens of other countries in India;

(b) the total number of citizens along with the number of countries residing in India as refugees; and

(c) the details of act or law under which matters related to the asylum to citizens of other countries are dealt with in India?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (c): The matters related to asylum sought by foreigners are regulated by the provisions contained in The Foreigners Act, 1946 and The Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 and rules & orders made there under. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was issued in 2011 by the Central Government and amended in 2019 which has to be followed by law enforcement agencies while dealing with foreign nationals who claim to be refugees. In deserving cases Long Term Visas (LTVs) may be granted by Central Government.
