

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 404**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY, 2020/ MAGHA 16, 1941 (SAKA)

VALID DOCUMENTS TO PROVE CITIZENSHIP

404. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aadhaar number, Passport, Voter ID, PAN card, birth certificate be valid documents to prove citizenship; and

(b) if all these proof of residence are not valid for considering citizenship, then which documents would be required for proof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Acquisition of Indian Citizenship is governed by The Citizenship Act, 1955 and rules made thereunder. Citizenship of India can be acquired by birth or descent or registration or naturalisation or incorporation of territory. The eligibility criteria for acquisition and determination of citizenship is as per the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.
