

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *44**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH FEBRUARY, 2020/MAGHA 16, 1941 (SAKA)

INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

***44. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of illegal immigrants including Bangladeshi and Nepali nationals in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such immigrants reported to have been overstaying or illegally staying in the country, State-wise and nationality-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the number of foreigners deported during each of the last three years and the current year, nationality-wise?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 44 FOR 5th February, 2020 REGARDING INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

(a) to (c): Illegal immigrants enter into the country without valid travel documents in a clandestine and surreptitious manner. Detection, detention and deportation of such illegally staying foreign nationals, including Bangladeshi nationals, is an ongoing process. Since entry of such foreign nationals into the country is clandestine and surreptitious, it is not possible to collect accurate data of such Bangladeshi Nationals living in various parts of the country.

As per limited data available, the number of Bangladeshi nationals who have overstayed in the country beyond the period of their visa validity after entering India legally during the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 is 25942, 49645 and 35055 respectively. State-wise numbers of illegal immigrants who entered India without any documents and who were apprehended along Indo-Bangladesh border and handed over to authorities of Government of Bangladesh from 2017 till 27.01.2020 are as follows:

State	Number of incoming illegal immigrants apprehended along Indo-Bangladesh Border and handed over/deported to Bangladesh authorities			
	2017	2018	2019	2020 (upto 27.01.2020)
West Bengal	992	900	1167	74
Assam	11	11	8	0
Meghalaya	47	39	43	1
Mizoram	3	3	7	0
Tripura	122	165	126	8
Total	1175	1118	1351	83

As per Article 7 of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship signed between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal on 31st

July, 1950, the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Nepal have agreed to grant, on reciprocal basis, to the nationals of one country in the territories of the other the same privileges in the matter of residence, ownership of property participation in trade and commerce, movement and other privileges of a similar nature. In view thereof, a citizen of Nepal entering India by land or air over the Indo-Nepal border is exempted from the provision of the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920, and the rules made thereunder and therefore he does not require a passport or visa for entry into India.

Central Government is vested with powers to detain a foreign national staying illegally in the country under section 3 (2) (e) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and to deport such a foreign national under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946. These powers to detain and deport illegally staying foreign nationals have also been entrusted under Article 258(1) of the Constitution of India to the State Governments since 1958. Further, under Article 239 (1) of the Constitution of India, the Administrators of the Union Territories have also been directed to discharge the functions of the Central Government pertaining to detention and deportation of illegally staying foreign nationals.

Statement related to the number of foreigners deported during the last three years upto 31st December, 2019, nationality-wise is enclosed.

ANNEXURE-1(A)
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Country- wise deportation of foreigners by Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs) during the period 2017-2019

Country	No. of deported Foreigners		
	2017	2018	2019
Afghanistan	72	33	142
Angola	0	0	1
Argentina	1	0	0
Australia	29	1	1
Austria	1	1	0
Bahrain	0	0	1
Bangladesh	51	445	299
Belgium	5	0	0
Benin(Dahomey)	0	0	0
Brazil	3	0	1
Bulgaria	1	0	0
Burundi	0	1	0
Cambodia	0	0	0
Cameroon	7	8	13
Canada	11	5	0
Chad	2	0	0
Chile	0	0	0
China	54	2	9
China(Taiwan)	8	0	0
Colombia	0	1	1
Congo	13	12	8
Cote D'ivoire	9	13	18
Croatia	1	0	0
Cuba	0	0	0
Czech	4	2	0
Denmark	2	0	0
Djibouti	1	1	1
Egypt	2	0	0
EL Salvador	0	0	0
Ethiopia	2	3	2
Fiji	5	0	0
Finland	0	0	0
France	62	1	5
Gabon	0	0	0
Gambia	0	0	0
Germany	20	1	4
Ghana	6	9	1
Greece	1	0	0
Guinea	1	1	1
Guyana	2	0	0
Hong Kong	2	0	0
Hungry	1	0	0
Indonesia	37	1	3
Iran	8	13	20
Iraq	18	6	7
Ireland	6	1	0
Israel	4	1	1
Italy	9	1	0
Japan	4	0	6
Jordan	3	1	1
Kazakhstan	2	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	3	0
Kenya	23	18	21
Kuwait	2	0	0
Laos	0	6	2
Liberia	3	3	4
Libya Arab Jamahiriya	1	0	0
Luxembourg	0	0	0
Malawi	0	1	1
Malaysia	128	0	3
Maldives	1	0	1
Mali	0	0	1

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Malta	1	0	0
Mauritius	5	0	0
Mexico	1	0	0
Mongolia	1	0	0
Morocco	2	0	0
Mozambique	1	0	0
Myanmar (Burma)	7	38	16
Namibia	2	1	2
Nepal	0	6	1
Netherlands	2	0	0
New Zealand	6	0	1
Niger	0	1	4
Nigeria	868	711	657
North Korea	0	1	0
Norway	3	0	0
Oman	13	2	2
Pakistan	1	0	5
Palestine	1	0	0
Paraguay	0	0	0
Philippines	11	2	2
Poland	2	1	1
Portugal	1	0	0
Qatar	0	0	0
Republic of Korea	21	02	0
Romania	0	0	3
Russian Federation	18	8	8
Rwanda	8	1	0
Saudi Arabia	7	2	1
Senegal	0	3	0
Serbia	1	0	0
Seychelles	2	0	0
Singapore	48	4	2
Somalia	6	119	9
South Africa	10	6	2
South Sudan	0	2	0
Spain	5	0	2
Sri Lanka	121	6	7
Stateless (Tibet)	0	0	0
Stateless (Tanzania)	-	-	5
Sudan	44	26	29
Swaziland	0	0	0
Sweden	3	0	1
Syrian Arab Republic	0	3	1
Thiland	76	69	49
Tunisia	2	0	0
Turkey	0	0	1
Turkmenistan	2	0	0
Uganda	54	36	98
Ukrain	4	0	4
U.A.E	6	0	0
United Kingdom	74	10	8
United republic of Tanzania	59	49	48
United state of America	75	02	3
Uruguay	5	0	0
Uzbekistan	31	12	12
Vietnam	1	0	1
Yemen	10	8	10
Zambia	4	1	1
Zimbabwe	3	4	3
Others	1	0	2
Total	2272	1731	1580
