

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 2292
ANSWERED ON 22.03.2017**

Citizenship to migrants from Pakistan

2292 Smt. Renuka Chowdhury

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has delegated authority to District Magistrates for issuing Indian citizenship to migrants from Pakistan in certain States/districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to evolve a mechanism so that migrants staying in remaining districts/States could also be benefited from this order?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government, in December, 2016 has delegated the power exercisable by it for registration as a citizen of India under section 5 and 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 in respect of any person belonging to minority communities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan to the District Magistrates/District Collectors of 16 districts of 7 states namely Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar

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Pradesh and Government of NCT of Delhi for a period of two years from the date of publication of the Order.

(c): For districts not notified in the Government's Order dated 23.12.2016, the Secretary of the Department of Home of the State/Union Territory shall exercise the above stated powers. For the remaining states, the Central Government will continue to exercise such powers.
