

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

Stand of Government on Rohingyas

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 40000 Rohingyas are staying in India;
- (b) if so, the details of States and the number of Rohingyas staying there;
- (c) in view of the recent crisis in Myanmar, why Government is not allowing deserving Rohingyas for taking shelter in the country on humanitarian grounds as was done earlier;
- (d) the basis on which Government is saying that those who are seeking refuge are all insurgents or illegal migrants; and
- (e) the final decision taken by Government on Rohingyas as of now?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per an estimate, more than 40,000 illegal Rohingya immigrants are presently staying in India mostly in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Rajasthan. Since entry of such illegal immigrants into the country without valid travel documents is clandestine and surreptitious, it is not possible to have accurate data of such illegal Rohingya immigrants living in various parts of the country.

(c) & (d): Though India is not a signatory to the 1951 UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereon, its track record in dealing with or providing protections to refugees has been internationally acclaimed. The Rohingyas have entered into the country without having valid travel documents and, therefore, they are covered within the ambit of the definition of 'illegal migrants' defined under Section 2 (1) (b) of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

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(e): Detection and deportation of illegal immigrants is a continuous process. It is essential to identify such illegal migrants/persons and also keep a watch on their activities. All States/UT Administrations have been advised to sensitize the law enforcement agencies for taking prompt steps in identifying the illegal migrants. However, no Rohingya migrant has been deported so far.
