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QUESTION NO.3204 EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR RELOCATING INDIAN WORKERS IN USA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2017

EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR RELOCATING INDIAN WORKERS IN USA

3204. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA administration has given grace period of up to sixty days for certain categories of non-immigrant workers E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B etc., following loss of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would take up the matter with USA administration to extend it for sixty more days, in view of time required for relocation of Indian workers there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made to ensure that Indian nationals are not put to harassment or forcible evacuation by them?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

on 18 November 2016, inter alia, provide for a 'grace period' of up to 60 days for certain high skilled nonimmigrant workers (E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B, H-1B1, L-1, O-1 or TN classifications) when their employment ends before the end of their authorized period, so that they may more readily pursue new employment and an extension of their non-immigrant status.

(c) & (d) The Government has not received any feedback which reflects the need for further extension of this grace period.

(e) Government of India is keeping a close watch on the developments that may have a bearing on the Indian nationals in the U.S. and will do everything possible to safeguard their interests and welfare.



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