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QUESTION NO.*226 IMPACT OF ORDERS OF US PRESIDENT ON INDIAN AMERICANS

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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.226
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2017

IMPACT OF ORDERS OF US PRESIDENT ON INDIAN AMERICANS

*226. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than three lakh Indian Americans are set to be affected by the recent order of the President of United States of America (USA) which puts the nation's eleven million undocumented immigrants at the risk of deportation and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up the matter with Government of USA and if so, the details of outcome thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 REGARDING "IMPACT OF ORDERS OF US PRESIDENT ON INDIAN AMERICANS" FOR ANSWER ON 23.03.2017.

(a) Government of India is aware of the Executive Order issued by the U.S. President dated 25 January 2017 titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States" which inter alia directs agencies "to employ all lawful means to ensure the faithful execution of the immigration laws of the United States against all removable aliens". Subsequently, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(DHS) has issued two Implementation Memorandums dated 20th February, 2017 which inter alia instructs all DHS personnel to "initiate enforcement actions against removable aliens encountered during the performance of their official duties." Those who have been involved in any criminal conduct or pose a risk to public safety or national security have been prioritized for removal by the US Government.

There are no authoritative figures on the number of undocumented Indian immigrants in the U.S..

(b) Yes Sir. The Government has taken up with the U.S. Government the matter of welfare of Indian Diaspora in the U.S.. Our Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. are in continuous dialogue with U.S. authorities and local Indian community groups to address any emergent issues relating to Indian Diaspora. GOI remains vigilant to developments impacting the lives of Indians in U.S. and will do everything possible to safeguard their interests and welfare.

GOI does not encourage illegal migration of Indian citizens into other countries. When requested by U.S. enforcement authorities, Indian Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. facilitate issue of travel documents to undocumented Indians after due verification of nationality, to enable their safe return to India.



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