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## QUESTION NO.177 ARREST OF IMMIGRANT INDIANS IN USA

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.177  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

### ARREST OF IMMIGRANT INDIANS IN USA

†177. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indians arrested in the wake of immigration policy in America and how many of them have got assistance from Indian embassy;
- (b) whether it is a fact that after being taken Indian immigrant into custody their children have been separated from them due to which they are under severe mental agony; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) The U.S. Government does not release a comprehensive list, by nationality, of aliens detained for entering or staying in the U.S. without valid documents. Whenever detention of alleged Indian nationals for violation of U.S. immigration laws are reported, our Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. take up the matter with appropriate authorities and render all possible assistance to the detained Indian nationals, including by visits to detention centres. From time to time, our Embassy and Consulates also facilitate repatriation of undocumented Indian immigrants after their nationality verification.

There were reports of alien children being separated from their families during the period of detention, consistent with relevant U.S. immigration laws. On 20 June 2018, President Trump issued an Executive Order "Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation", which, inter alia, authorizes measures to detain alien families together during the pendency of immigration-related proceedings.

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