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## QUESTION NO.178 SAFE DEPORTATION OF INDIANS DETAINED IN USA

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RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.178  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

### SAFE DEPORTATION OF INDIANS DETAINED IN USA

178. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many Indian were detained in USA for illegal entry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government for their safe deportation to the country;
- (d) whether Government had asked the Indian embassies in USA to provide them the consular assistance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e) 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.

From time to time, detentions of alleged Indian nationals for violation of U.S. immigration laws are reported. Recently, two cases of detention of large groups of Indian nationals have come to our notice from Sheridan, Oregon and Otero County, New Mexico.

In such cases, 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.

The Government is closely engaged with the U.S. Government on all issues relating to safety and welfare of Indian Diaspora in the U.S.

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