GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-240
ANSWERED ON-23.07.2014

Persons from Pakistan seeking citizenship

240 . Shri Avinash Rai Khanna

(a) how many persons have come to India from Pakistan on temporary visa in the last ten years;

(b) the States in which they are residing, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) how many persons have applied to get citizenship and how many have got the same; and

(d) how many applications are pending for grant of citizenship and by when these applications will be disposed of?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 240 FOR 23.07.2014 REGARDING "PERSONS FROM PAKISTAN SEEKING CITIZENSHIP"

(a) & (b): There is no category as Temporary visa. However, there is a category as 'Visit Visa' for Pakistani nationals visiting India to meet relatives or friends or for any other legitimate purpose. Details of Pakistani nationals living on Long Term Visa (LTV) in various States/UTs are not centrally maintained. However, during 2013 and 2014 (up to 30/6/2014) Govt. has approved LTV for 3853 Pak nationals. The state-wise details are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c) & (d): The number of applications received from Pakistani nationals and the number of citizenship certificates issued during respective years since 2010 are given as follows:-

Year	No. of applications received	Citizenship granted during year*
2010	346	147

2011 282 307
2012 222 355
2013 201 301
2014 (Upto 20.7.2014) 17 136
Total 1068 1246

*This figure includes the number of citizenship granted for the earlier years applications also.

Some applications are pending for grant of citizenship either due to any deficiency in the application or for want of security clearance. Once the applications are complete in all respects' the applicant will be considered for the grant of citizenship.

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