

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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China using stapled visa for Jammu and Kashmir

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- (a) whether China still uses stapled visa for the Indian residents belonging to Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of Indian citizens who have been issued stapled visa by China during the past three years;
- (c) whether Government has lodged its protest with China regarding stapled visa; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and China's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) In recent months, no instances of stapled visas being issued to residents of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir have been brought to the notice of Government. Government's position that there should be no discrimination against visa applicants of Indian nationality on grounds of domicile and ethnicity has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese Government on several occasions including at the highest level.
