

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.348
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

INDIANS SEEKING ASYLUM IN USA

348. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that over 7,000 Indians have sought asylum in USA during 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has sought details from the concerned persons about the reasons for seeking the asylum ; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The U.S. Government does not publish any statistics on number of asylum-seekers by nationality, nor does it share information with our Mission or Consulates about Indian nationals seeking asylum in the U.S., due to privacy laws. Such asylum-seekers often avoid contact with our Mission or Consulates while their request is under consideration. Government of India believes that asylum-seekers, while applying for asylum to a foreign government, denigrate the system in India to obtain personal gains, despite the fact that India, being a democratic country, provides avenues for everyone to redress their grievances lawfully.
