GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2467 ANSWERED ON- 10/08/2023

SURRENDERING OF INDIAN PASSPORTS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the state-wise number of Indians who surrendered their passports in 10 years between 2013 and 2022;
- (b) the number of Indians who surrendered their passports in Embassies and High Commissions during this period, country-wise and year-wise details thereof;
- (c) the number of Indians who surrendered their citizenship during this period, year-wise;
- (d) the reasons behind surrender of passports and citizenship in such a large number; and
- (e) the reasons behind the passport surrender by the people of Goa in such large numbers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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- (a) As per available records, state-wise number of Indians, who surrendered their passports from 2014 to 2022 is at **Annexure-I.**
- (b) As per data available, number of Indians surrendered their passports in Missions & Posts abroad, during the period 2019 to 2022 is at **Annexure-II.**
- (c) As per the information available number of Indians renounced their Indian Citizenship is at **Annexure-III.**
- (d & e) Individuals have given up their Indian citizenship for acquisition of foreign nationality because of reasons personal to them.

ANNEXURE -I

| State | Number of Passports Surrendered |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Andaman and Nicobar | 16 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 9,235 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 171 |
| Assam | 663 |
| Bihar | 1,150 |
| Chandigarh | 1,904 |
| Chhattisgarh | 851 |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 33 |
| Daman and Diu | 4,722 |
| Delhi | 60,414 |
| Goa | 18,610 |
| Gujarat | 22,300 |
| Haryana | 7,426 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1,787 |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 1,604 |
| Jharkhand | 3,193 |
| Karnataka | 10,245 |
| Kerala | 16,247 |
| Ladakh | 66 |
| Lakshadweep | 33 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,608 |
| Maharashtra | 17,171 |
| Manipur | 525 |
| Meghalaya | 110 |
| Mizoram | 204 |
| Nagaland | 248 |
| Odisha | 844 |
| Puducherry | 415 |
| Punjab | 28,117 |
| Rajasthan | 3,940 |
| Sikkim | 34 |
| Tamil Nadu | 14,046 |

| Telangana | 7,256 |
|---------------|-------|
| Tripura | 95 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 6,592 |
| Uttarakhand | 1,496 |
| West Bengal | 3,209 |

ANNEXURE – II

| Country Name | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Australia | 15 | 78 | 318 | 1,275 |
| Austria | 0 | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| Bahrain | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Benin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bermuda | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Botswana | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Cameroon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Canada | 28 | 156 | 781 | 6,507 |
| Cayman Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Denmark | 0 | 1 | 11 | 43 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| France | 0 | 2 | 27 | 49 |
| Germany | 0 | 0 | 26 | 89 |
| Guatemala | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Guyana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hong Kong SAR of PRC | 0 | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| Ireland | 0 | 0 | 6 | 44 |
| Italy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jamaica | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kenya | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| Luxembourg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Netherlands | 0 | 0 | 3 | 27 |
| New Zealand | 0 | 3 | 11 | 176 |
| Nigeria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Norway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Poland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portugal | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| Singapore | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Spain | 1 | 6 | 11 | 24 |
| Sweden | 0 | 0 | 36 | 104 |
| Switzerland | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 |

| Thailand | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|-----------------------------|----|-----|-------|-------|
| Turks And Caicos Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| United Kingdom | 21 | 105 | 485 | 1,100 |
| Uruguay | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| USA | 5 | 161 | 4,830 | 8,048 |

ANNEXURE – III

| Year | No of Indians who renounced Indian Citizenship |
|------|--|
| 2011 | 1,22,819 |
| 2012 | 1,20,923 |
| 2013 | 1,31,405 |
| 2014 | 1,29,328 |
| 2015 | 1,31,489 |
| 2016 | 1,41,603 |
| 2017 | 1,33,049 |
| 2018 | 1,34,561 |
| 2019 | 1,44,017 |
| 2020 | 85,256 |
| 2021 | 1,63,370 |
| 2022 | 2,25,620 |