

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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**RENOUNCING OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP**

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of Indians who have renounced Indian citizenship in the last five years, yearwise;
- (b) the State of domicile of such Indian citizens who have submitted their passport to renounce their citizenship, the year-wise and State-wise data for five years;
- (c) the details of countries they have applied or received citizenship, in the last five years, country-wise, year-wise;
- (d) the major reasons cited for renouncing Indian citizenship; and
- (e) in what manner Government is trying to address this challenge and the action taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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(a & b) As per the information available with the Ministry, the number of Indians who renounced their Indian citizenship was 1,44,017 (in 2019); 85,256 (in 2020); 1,63,370 (in 2021); 2,25,620 (in 2022) and 2,16,219 (in 2023). For reference purpose, data was 1,22,819 (in 2011); 1,20,923 (in 2012); 1,31,405 (in 2013); 1,29,328 (in 2014); 1,31,489 (in 2015); 1,41,603 (in 2016); 1,33,049 (in 2017); 1,34,561 (in 2018). State-wise distribution of people who renounced Indian citizenship for foreign citizenships is not available.

(c) List of the countries whose citizenship Indians acquired during the last five years is placed at Annexure.

(d & e) The reasons for renouncing/taking citizenship are personal. The Government recognizes the potential of the global workplace in an era of a knowledge economy. It has also brought about a transformational change in its engagement with Indian diaspora. A successful, prosperous, and influential diaspora is an asset for India. India stands to gain a lot from tapping its diaspora networks and productive utilization of the soft power that comes from having such a flourishing diaspora. The Government's efforts are also aimed at harnessing the diaspora potential to its fullest including through sharing of knowledge and expertise.

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## ANNEXURE

## LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENSHIP WAS ACQUIRED BY INDIANS

| S.No. | Country              | S.No. | Country            | S.No. | Country    | S.No. | Country         |
|-------|----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1     | Albania              | 23    | Cambodia           | 45    | Germany    | 67    | Lithuania       |
| 2     | Algeria              | 24    | Canada             | 46    | Ghana      | 68    | Luxembourg      |
| 3     | Andorra              | 25    | Chile              | 47    | Greece     | 69    | Madagascar      |
| 4     | Angola               | 26    | China              | 48    | Grenada    | 70    | Malawi          |
| 5     | Antigua & Barbuda    | 27    | Colombia           | 49    | Guatemala  | 71    | Malaysia        |
| 6     | Argentina            | 28    | Comoros            | 50    | Guyana     | 72    | Maldives        |
| 7     | Armenia              | 29    | Costa Rica         | 51    | Hungary    | 73    | Mali            |
| 8     | Australia            | 30    | Croatia            | 52    | Iceland    | 74    | Malta           |
| 9     | Austria              | 31    | Cyprus             | 53    | Indonesia  | 75    | Mauritius       |
| 10    | Azerbaijan           | 32    | Czech Republic     | 54    | Iran       | 76    | Mexico          |
| 11    | Bahamas              | 33    | Denmark            | 55    | Iraq       | 77    | Moldova         |
| 12    | Bahrain              | 34    | Dominica           | 56    | Israel     | 78    | Mongolia        |
| 13    | Bangladesh           | 35    | Dominican Republic | 57    | Italy      | 79    | Morocco         |
| 14    | Belarus              | 36    | Ecuador            | 58    | Jamaica    | 80    | Mozambique      |
| 15    | Belgium              | 37    | Egypt              | 59    | Japan      | 81    | Myanmar         |
| 16    | Belize               | 38    | Estonia            | 60    | Jordan     | 82    | Namibia         |
| 17    | Bolivia              | 39    | Ethiopia           | 61    | Kazakhstan | 83    | Nepal           |
| 18    | Bosnia & Herzegovina | 40    | Fiji               | 62    | Kenya      | 84    | Netherland      |
| 19    | Botswana             | 41    | Finland            | 63    | Kuwait     | 85    | New Zealand     |
| 20    | Brazil               | 42    | France             | 64    | Kyrgyzstan | 86    | Nigeria         |
| 21    | Brunei               | 43    | Gabon              | 65    | Laos       | 87    | North Macedonia |
| 22    | Bulgaria             | 44    | Georgia            | 66    | Latvia     | 88    | Norway          |

| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>Country</b>      | <b>S.No.</b> | <b>Country</b>      |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 89           | Oman                | 112          | Sri Lanka           |
| 90           | Pakistan            | 113          | St. Lucia           |
| 91           | Panama              | 114          | Sudan               |
| 92           | Papua New Guinea    | 115          | Suriname            |
| 93           | Paraguay            | 116          | Swaziland           |
| 94           | Peru                | 117          | Sweden              |
| 95           | Philippines         | 118          | Switzerland         |
| 96           | Poland              | 119          | Tanzania            |
| 97           | Portugal            | 120          | Thailand            |
| 98           | Qatar               | 121          | Tonga               |
| 99           | Republic of Ireland | 122          | Trinidad and Tobago |
| 100          | Romania             | 123          | Turkey              |
| 101          | Russia              | 124          | UAE                 |
| 102          | Saint Kitts & Nevis | 125          | Uganda              |
| 103          | Saudi Arabia        | 126          | Ukraine             |
| 104          | Serbia              | 127          | UK                  |
| 105          | Seychelles          | 128          | USA                 |
| 106          | Singapore           | 129          | Uruguay             |
| 107          | Slovakia            | 130          | Vanuatu             |
| 108          | Slovenia            | 131          | Vatican             |
| 109          | South Africa        | 132          | Vietnam             |
| 110          | South Korea         | 133          | Yemen               |
| 111          | Spain               | 134          | Zambia              |
|              |                     | 135          | Zimbabwe            |

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