

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ASYLUM TO INDIANS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

414. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL

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

- (a) the total number of Indians who have sought asylum in foreign countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been an 800 per cent rise between 2021 and 2023 in the number of Indians seeking asylum in the United States, half of them being from Gujarat; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to address the issue of Indians seeking asylum in foreign countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) Accurate data regarding the number of asylum applications and the actual number of people granted asylum or the grounds on which asylum is sought or granted is not available, as the foreign governments concerned cite inability to share such data due to privacy and data protection laws.

The Government of India believes that asylum seekers, while applying for asylum to a foreign government, denigrate the nation and society to obtain personal gains despite the fact that India, being a democratic country, provides avenues for everyone to redress their grievances lawfully.
