

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 220
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

RENOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP BY CITIZENS

*220#. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) the number of Indian citizens renouncing their Indian citizenship, year-wise and State-wise during the last two years;
- (b) the details of citizenship taken by the Indians, country-wise;
- (c) whether the main reasons for migration of Indians abroad is related to lack of education/employment and business opportunities;
- (d) if so, the reasons for the failure of the efforts made by Government; and
- (e) the concrete arrangements being made by Government to prevent migration of Indians abroad?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 220 FOR REPLY ON 20.03.2025 REGARDING RENOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP BY CITIZENS ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

(a) to (e): As per the information available with the Ministry, the number of Indians who gave up their Indian citizenship was 2,16,219 (in 2023) and 2,06,378 (in 2024). 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); 1,44,017 (in 2019); 85,256 (in 2020); 1,63,370 (in 2021); 2,25,620 (in 2022). State-wise distribution of people who renounced Indian citizenship for foreign citizenships is not available.

List of the countries whose citizenship Indians acquired is placed at Annexure-I.

The reasons for renouncing Indian citizenship or taking foreign citizenship are personal and known only to the individual. The Government recognizes the potential of the global workplace in an era of 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.

List of countries whose citizenship was acquired by Indians

S.No.	Country	S.No.	Country	S.No.	Country
1	Albania	46	Germany	91	Pakistan
2	Algeria	47	Ghana	92	Panama
3	Andorra	48	Greece	93	Papua New Guinea
4	Angola	49	Grenada	94	Paraguay
5	Antigua & Barbuda	50	Guatemala	95	Peru
6	Argentina	51	Guyana	96	The Philippines
7	Armenia	52	Hungary	97	Poland
8	Australia	53	Iceland	98	Portugal
9	Austria	54	Indonesia	99	Qatar
10	Azerbaijan	55	Iran	100	Republic of Korea
11	The Bahamas	56	Iraq	101	Romania
12	Bahrain	57	Ireland	102	Russia
13	Bangladesh	58	Israel	103	Saint Kitts & Nevis
14	Belarus	59	Italy	104	Saint Lucia
15	Belgium	60	Jamaica	105	Saudi Arabia
16	Belize	61	Japan	106	Serbia
17	Bolivia	62	Jordan	107	Seychelles
18	Bosnia & Herzegovina	63	Kazakhstan	108	Singapore
19	Botswana	64	Kenya	109	Slovak Republic
20	Brazil	65	Kuwait	110	Slovenia
21	Brunei	66	Kyrgyzstan	111	South Africa
22	Bulgaria	67	Laos	112	Spain
23	Cambodia	68	Latvia	113	Sri Lanka
24	Canada	69	Lithuania	114	The Sudan
25	Chile	70	Luxembourg	115	Suriname
26	China	71	Madagascar	116	Sweden
27	Colombia	72	Malawi	117	Switzerland
28	The Comoros	73	Malaysia	118	Tanzania
29	Costa Rica	74	The Maldives	119	Thailand
30	Croatia	75	Mali	120	The Holy See (Vatican City State)
31	Cyprus	76	Malta	121	The Netherlands
32	The Czech Republic	77	Mauritius	122	Tonga
33	Denmark	78	Mexico	123	Trinidad and Tobago
34	Dominica	79	Moldova	124	Turkiye
35	The Dominican Republic	80	Mongolia	125	The UAE
36	Ecuador	81	Morocco	126	Uganda
37	Egypt	82	Mozambique	127	The UK
38	Estonia	83	Myanmar	128	Ukraine
39	Eswatini	84	Namibia	129	Uruguay
40	Ethiopia	85	Nepal	130	The USA
41	Fiji	86	New Zealand	131	Vanuatu

42	Finland	87	Nigeria	132	Vietnam
43	France	88	North Macedonia	133	Yemen
44	Gabon	89	Norway	134	Zambia
45	Georgia	90	Oman	135	Zimbabwe
