

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP

1567. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Indians got foreign countries citizenship and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is fact that more than 46,000 Indians got US citizenship in 2016, second only to Mexicans and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the details of total number of Indians living in foreign countries?**

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes. As per the information available with the Ministry, 4,52,109 Indian nationals have acquired foreign citizenship in 117 countries from years 2014 to 2017 (till date), country-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(b) Yes. As per the 2016 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics published by the US Department of Homeland Security, a total of 46188 Indians were naturalized during the year 2016 as compared to 42213 during the year 2015. This report also states that Mexicans are the highest number (103550) of foreigners who were naturalized during the year 2016. During the year, highest number of Indians were naturalized in California (10298), followed by New Jersey (5312), Texas (4670), and New York (2954). Primary reasons for growing number of Indians being naturalized can be attributed to large number of high skilled professionals based in USA. This is followed by the Indians who are engaged in various business activities. The above given data can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/yearbook/2016/table21#>

(c) Current details of country-wise population of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) as well as Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) living in foreign countries is given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

S. No.	Name of Country	Total number of Indians who acquired citizenship of foreign countries			
		2014	2015	2016	2017 (till date)
1.	Algeria	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
2.	Argentina	10	21	24	32
3.	Austria	206	230	268	332
4.	Australia	24997	23365	23073	20948
5.	Bahrain	273	188	163	125
6.	Belarus	Nil	273	1	2
7.	Belgium	419	335	471	571
8.	Brazil	3	Nil	13	30
9.	Bulgaria	NIL	2	3	6
10.	Canada	26558	28167	16615	7487
11.	China	374	314	355	420
12.	Colombia	1	1	Nil	1
13.	Croatia	1	Nil	2	2
14.	Cyprus	4	13	16	24
15.	Czech Republic	7	13	1	13
16.	Egypt	7	12	7	3
17.	Fiji	29	26	19	44
18.	France	3	10	2	5
19.	Germany	1447	1375	1569	1591
20.	Ghana	8	4	20	21
21.	Greece	29	26	167	250
22.	Guyana	15	10	37	17
23.	Hungary	10	9	12	4
24.	Iceland	Nil	9	3	1
25.	Indonesia	38	48	35	41
26.	Iran	8	3	5	12
27.	Ireland	2636	1929	1294	760
28.	Israel	112	160	210	347
29.	Italy	4305	5698	8876	7601
30.	Jamaica	23	35	23	30
31.	Japan	17	24	31	30
32.	Jordan	4	1	1	Nil
33.	Kenya	306	236	496	330
34.	Korea (Republic of)	17	19	6	14
35.	Kuwait	107	167	122	112
36.	Lao PDR	3	2	3	6
37.	Lebanon	Nil	1	1	Nil
38.	Madagascar	1	Nil	Nil	2
39.	Malawi	41	20	4	5
40.	Malaysia	354	269	230	330
41.	Maldives	NA	1	NA	NA

42.	Mauritius	9	9	9	9
43.	Mexico	21	38	7	42
44.	Morocco	1	1	1	Nil
45.	Mongolia	Nil	Nil	1	1
46.	Mozambique	28	39	31	32
47.	Myanmar	3	2	3	Nil
48.	Namibia	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
49.	Nepal	24	15	29	43
50.	Netherlands	885	843	616	628
51.	New Zealand	2522	2515	3287	4222
52.	Nigeria	3	4	Nil	3
53.	Norway	147	230	244	775
54.	Oman	18	10	20	33
55.	Panama	24	11	27	12
56.	Peru	Nil	Nil	2	7
57.	Philippines	43	61	34	25
58.	Poland	20	32	14	26
59.	Portugal	574	430	699	483
60.	Qatar	57	93	78	50
61.	Romania	6	5	1	5
62.	Russian Federation	28	26	30	29
63.	Saudi Arabia	29	16	9	14
64.	Serbia	1	2	1	Nil
65.	Seychelles	11	15	8	17
66.	Singapore	2205	2167	2236	1829
67.	Slovak Republic	Nil	4	1	Nil
68.	Slovenia Republic	Nil	1	Nil	3
69.	South Africa	875	347	414	298
70.	Spain	678	500	543	504
71.	Suriname	30	36	18	15
72.	Sweden	336	439	253	660
73.	Thailand	43	103	164	68
74.	Trinidad & Tobago	19	40	13	32
75.	Turkey	4	7	3	3
76.	Uganda	111	396	466	279
77.	United Arab Emirates	387	503	495	429
78.	United Kingdom	37693	27771	28720	19882
79.	Ukraine	2	10	7	5
80.	United States of America	15614	18874	22999	20327
81.	Venezuela	73	45	37	17
82.	Vietnam	6	4	4	2
83.	Zambia	56	152	167	101
84.	Zimbabwe	12	NA	NA	NA
	Total	124971	118816	115869	92463
	Grand Total				452119

ANNEXURE-II**Population of Overseas Indians (Compiled in December, 2017)**

SI. No.	Country	Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)	Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)	Overseas Indians
1	Afghanistan	2,960	9	2,969
2	Albania	50	-	50
3	Algeria	3,500	16	3,516
4	Andorra	160	0	160
5	Angola	1,500	2,500	4,000
6	Anguilla	15	5	20
7	Antigua & Barbuda	250	300	550
8	Argentina	600	1,800	2,400
9	Armenia	1,477	23	1,500
10	Aruba	-	1,000	1,000
11	Australia	2,41,000	2,55,000	4,96,000
12	Austria and Montenegro	13,000	18,000	31,000
13	Azerbaijan	953	24	977
14	Bahamas	250	50	300
15	Bahrain	3,12,918	3,257	3,16,175
16	Bangladesh	10,385	6	10,391
17	Barbados	100	2,114	2,214
18	Belarus	420	67	487
19	Belgium	10,404	8,000	18,404
20	Belize	200	9,500	9,700
21	Benin	1,563	0	1,563
22	Bhutan	60,000	0	60,000
23	Bolivia	50	10	60
24	Bonaire & Smaller Islands	-	200	200
25	Bosnia & Herzegovina	20	6	26
26	Botswana	9,000	3,000	12,000
27	Brazil	4,729	344	5,073
28	British Virgin Islands	50	10	60
29	Brunei Darussalam	11,500	98	11,598
30	Bulgaria	100	62	162
31	Burkina Faso	200	5	205
32	Burundi	465	35	500
33	Cambodia	1,500	10	1,510
34	Cameroon	245	0	245
35	Canada	1,84,320	8,31,865	10,16,185
36	Cape Verde Islands	20	0	20
37	Cayman Islands	1,500	10	1,510
38	Central African Republic	10	0	10
39	Chad	120	0	120

40	Chile	500	1,500	2,000
41	China	55,500	520	56,020
42	China (Hong Kong)	45,000	6,430	51,430
43	China (Rep. of) (Taiwan)	2,444	128	2,572
44	Colombia	112	106	218
45	Comoros	30	200	230
46	Congo (Dem. Rep. of)	9,000	25	9,025
47	Congo (Republic of)	350	8	358
48	Cook Island	5	200	205
49	Costa Rica	230	20	250
50	Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	1,500	0	1,500
51	Croatia	43	37	80
52	Cuba	500	200	700
53	Curacao	-	1,500	1,500
54	Cyprus	5,730	128	5,858
55	Czech Republic	1,800	600	2,400
56	Denmark	8,100	3,100	11,200
57	Djibouti	350	0	350
58	Dominica (Commonwealth of)	15	200	215
59	Dominican Republic	100	75	175
60	East Timor	70	0	70
61	Ecuador	43	47	90
62	Egypt	3,500	265	3,765
63	El Salvador	14	3	17
64	Equatorial Guinea	250	0	250
65	Eritrea	1,000	3	1,003
66	Estonia	518	400	918
67	Ethiopia	5,250	23	5,273
68	Fiji	1,400	3,13,798	3,15,198
69	Finland	5,016	6,595	11,611
70	France	19,000	90,000	1,09,000
71	France (Reunion Island)	250	2,80,000	2,80,250
72	France (Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Martin)	420	66,800	67,220
73	Gabon	100	10	110
74	Gambia	600	15	615
75	Georgia	3,192	8	3,200
76	Germany	97,865	71,737	1,69,602
77	Ghana	10,000	0	10,000
78	Greece	12,015	485	12,500
79	Grenada	200	5,000	5,200
80	Guatemala	50	33	83
81	Guinea (Republic of)	700	0	700
82	Guinea Bissau	100	3	103
83	Guyana	300	2,97,493	2,97,793
84	Haiti	580	0	580
85	Holy See	NA	0	0

86	Honduras	15	2	17
87	Hungary	1,026	124	1,150
88	Iceland	257	76	333
89	Indonesia	7,500	1,00,000	1,07,500
90	Iran	4,000	190	4,190
91	Iraq	10,000	0	10,000
92	Ireland	13,500	20,500	34,000
93	Israel	12,467	85,000	97,467
94	Italy	1,72,301	25,000	1,97,301
95	Jamaica	5,000	75,000	80,000
96	Japan	28,047	670	28,717
97	Jordan	11,000	133	11,133
98	Kazakhstan	5,500	250	5,750
99	Kenya	20,000	60,000	80,000
100	Kiribati	-	50	50
101	Korea (DPR)	12	0	12
102	Korea (Republic of)	11,180	346	11,526
103	Kuwait	9,17,970	1,384	9,19,354
104	Kyrgyzstan	4,786	28	4,814
105	Laos, PDR	425	75	500
106	Latvia	760	25	785
107	Lebanon	8,000	30	8,030
108	Lesotho (Kingdom of)	500	1,000	1,500
109	Liberia	3,000	0	3,000
110	Libya	1,500	2	1,502
111	Liechtenstein (Principality of)	5	5	10
112	Lithuania	250	50	300
113	Luxembourg	500	500	1,000
114	Macedonia	10	5	15
115	Madagascar	2,500	15,000	17,500
116	Malaysia	2,25,000	27,50,000	29,75,000
117	Malawi	2,500	8,000	10,500
118	Maldives	25,000	108	25,108
119	Mali	299	0	299
120	Malta	300	65	365
121	Marshall Islands (Republic of)	14	1	15
122	Mauritania	60	0	60
123	Mauritius	10,500	8,84,000	8,94,500
124	Mexico	6,500	1,500	8,000
125	Micronesia	1	0	1
126	Moldova	190	10	200
127	Monaco	30	40	70
128	Mongolia	150	5	155
129	Montserrat	40	200	240
130	Morocco	258	96	354
131	Mozambique	2,500	30,000	32,500
132	Myanmar	8,690	20,00,000	20,08,690

133	Namibia	200	59	259
134	Nauru	20	0	20
135	Nepal	6,00,000	0	6,00,000
136	Netherlands	35,000	2,00,000	2,35,000
137	Netherlands Antilles	2,581	3,700	6,281
138	New Zealand	75,000	1,25,000	2,00,000
139	Nicaragua	6	6	12
140	Niger	150	0	150
141	Nigeria	40,000	35	40,035
142	Norway	7,718	12,300	20,018
143	Oman	7,83,040	919	7,83,959
144	Pakistan	0	0	0
145	Palau (Republic of)	15	0	15
146	Palestine (PLO)	20	0	20
147	Panama	4,000	9,000	13,000
148	Papua New Guinea	1,400	100	1,500
149	Paraguay	200	400	600
150	Peru	399	55	454
151	Philippines	1,05,000	15,000	1,20,000
152	Poland	4,000	600	4,600
153	Portugal	7,244	66,000	73,244
154	Qatar	6,97,000	500	6,97,500
155	Romania	500	210	710
156	Russian Federation	28,610	1,950	30,560
157	Rwanda	2,940	60	3,000
158	Samoa	40	30	70
159	San Marino	NA	0	0
160	Sao Tome and Principe (Rep. of)	50	0	50
161	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	32,53,901	1,963	32,55,864
162	Senegal	380	31	411
163	Serbia	56	7	63
164	Seychelles	4,000	6,000	10,000
165	Sierra Leone	900	50	950
166	Singapore	3,50,000	3,00,000	6,50,000
167	Slovak Republic	200	50	250
168	Slovenia	80	50	130
169	Solomon Islands	20	0	20
170	Somalia	100	0	100
171	South Africa	60,000	15,00,000	15,60,000
172	Spain	35,308	20,000	55,308
173	Sri Lanka	14,000	16,00,000	16,14,000
174	St. Kitts and Nevis	250	500	750
175	St. Lucia	250	5,005	5,255
176	St. Martin	-	5,300	5,300
177	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	50	3,000	3,050
178	Sudan	3,400	100	3,500

179	South Sudan	500	Nil	500
180	Suriname	150	1,54,321	1,54,471
181	Swaziland	500	500	1,000
182	Sweden	15,349	10,370	25,719
183	Switzerland	17,403	7,164	24,567
184	Syria	107	0	107
185	Tajikistan	1,100	25	1,125
186	Tanzania	10,000	50,000	60,000
187	Thailand	20,000	1,75,000	1,95,000
188	Togo	500	10	510
189	Tonga	6	40	46
190	Trinidad & Tobago	1,800	5,55,000	5,56,800
191	Tunisia	121	16	137
192	Turkey	1,609	99	1,708
193	Turkmenistan	975	-	975
194	Turks & Caicos Islands	200	35	235
195	Tuvalu	-	50	50
196	Uganda	23,500	6,500	30,000
197	Ukraine	7,541	422	7,963
198	UAE	28,00,000	3,751	28,03,751
199	UK	3,25,000	15,00,000	18,25,000
200	USA	12,80,000	31,80,000	44,60,000
201	Uruguay	500	30	530
202	Uzbekistan	650	32	682
203	Vanuatu	10	800	810
204	Venezuela	70	40	110
205	Vietnam	2,600	2,120	4,720
206	Yemen	400	10,000	10,400
207	Zambia	5,000	18,000	23,000
208	Zimbabwe	500	9,000	9,500
	TOTAL	1,33,27,438	1,79,05,796	3,12,33,234
