

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1931**

**ANSWERED ON- 02/08/2024**

**RENUNCIATION OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP**

**1931. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN**

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

**(a) whether the Government has maintained any data relating to the renunciation of citizenship by Indian Citizens during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise, State-wise;**

**(b) the details of the State that saw the largest number of people renouncing their citizenship;**

**(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(d) whether the Government has made a study regarding the amount of financial drainage due to renunciation of citizenship, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a to d) 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.**

**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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