GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2716 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10^{TH} MAY, 2016/ VAISAKHA 20, 1938 (SAKA)

REVIEW OF LIST OF DEBARRED INDIANS

2716. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR: SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has lifted travel bans imposed on a number of overseas Indians who were allegedly involved in subversive activities in the 1980s and 1990s and placed on a watch list;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such people whose names figure in the blacklist are barred from visiting India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to evolve a mechanism for periodic review of all such access where the overseas Indians were barred from visiting India and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has received any communication from the Chief Ministers in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (f): Names of foreign nationals and foreigners of Indian origin who are found to have violated the visa rules or indulged in undesirable and anti-India activities are placed in the adverse list after due consultations. Such persons are barred from entering into India.

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Review of names of persons in the adverse list is a continuous process and is done as per an established procedure. This review is undertaken in consultation with the concerned agencies.

A communication dated 22.9.2014 was received from the Chief Minister of Punjab for review of such persons of Indian origin whose names have been included in the adverse list.

A review was undertaken by the Government and names of 211 persons figuring in the adverse list have since been deleted after following the prescribed procedure.
