

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4106  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

**CHINESE JOURNALISTS**

**4106.        SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:**

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

- (a)    whether the Government has asked three Chinese journalists to leave India;**
- (b)    if so, the details thereof;**
- (c)    whether these journalists overstayed their visa period; and**
- (d)    if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d)    The visa of the Xinhua Bureau Chief in New Delhi had expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 while visas of the two Xinhua correspondents in Mumbai had expired in March 2016. Short-term extensions were given to them to facilitate smooth transition. As per the information available, the journalists have departed India upon expiry of their extended visa.**

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