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**Involvement of Pak Nationals in Godhra carnage**

807. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prior to Godhara carnage, there were about 500 Pakistan Nationals staying in Gujarat even after the expiry of their visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their over-staying;

(c) whether Government have assessed the possibility of the role of these Pakistani Nationals in Godhra carnage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement showing the district-wise break up of Pak nationals overstaying in Gujarat upto May, 2002 is enclosed. (See below).

The main reasons for overstaying are as follows:

- (i) Marriages to Indian Citizens.
- (ii) Members of Minorities in Pakistan who had applied for long term visa and whose cases are under consideration.
- (iii) Not applied for visa extension due to court cases.
- (iv) Applied for Indian citizenship and their cases being under consideration of Government of India.

(c) and (d) There is not input or indication of involvement of Pakistani nationals, over-staying in Gujarat in the Godhra carnage.

**Statement**

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Sl. No.	Name of District	January	February	March	April	May
1.	Ahmedabad	92	92	92	92	92
2.	Surat City	17	18	18	15	18

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Sl. No.	Name of District	January	February	March	April	May
3.	Rajkot City	34	36	34	17	44
4.	Baroda City	41	38	38	38	38
5.	Áhmedabad Rural	27	27	23	23	19
6.	Anand	25	25	25	25	22
7.	Kheda	10	10	16	22	19
8.	Sabarkantha	12	13	24	24	16
9.	Gandhinagar	2	2	2	2	2
10.	Mehsana	0	0	12	1	17
11.	Patan	20	12	17	17	21
12.	Baroda Rural	5	9	12	7	7
13.	Godhra	73	72	73	52	72
14.	Dahod	10	10	10	2	10
15.	Bharuch	2	0	1	2	1
16.	Namada	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Surat Rural	0	0	0	2	0
18.	Navasri	35	39	51	50	48
19.	Valsar	0	9	0	6	0
20.	Ahwa Dang	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Rajkot Rural	54	54	52	51	53
22.	Jamnagar	0	0	0	9	0
23.	Surendranagar	33	32	28	27	28
24.	Junagadh	38	38	52	51	55
25.	Amreli	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Bhavnagar	9	8	8	8	8
27.	Porbandar	2	2	2	2	2
28.	Bhuj Kutch	5	5	5	1	5
29.	Banaskantha	0	0	0	2	0
30.	W. Railway	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		546	551	595	548	597