

**Indians abroad requesting Indian citizenship**

†1329. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the resident Indians living in foreign countries have requested to grant Indian citizenship;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries whose resident Indians have made such requests;
- (c) whether there is any legal hurdles with Government to grant Indian citizenship to these resident Indians; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for delay in granting the citizenship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH): (a) to (d) No application for grant of Indian citizenship has been received from the resident Indians living in foreign countries.

**Misusing of LTC**

1330. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has cautioned officials against misusing the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) claims option;
- (b) whether Government has decided to carry out random verification of air tickets submitted by officials to ascertain whether the LTC claim is genuine; and
- (c) whether a Government officials found indulging in any malpractices in this regard, can be penalized and prevented from availing LTC for the next two to three years, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All the Ministries/Departments have been advised to bring it to the notice of all their employees that any misuse of LTC will be viewed seriously and the employees will be liable for appropriate action under the rules. Further, to keep a check on any kind of misuse of LTC, Ministries/Departments have been advised to randomly get some of the air tickets submitted by the officials verified from the Airlines concerned with regard to the actual cost of air travel *vis-a-vis* the cost indicated on the air tickets submitted by the officials.

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