

Exclusion of villages from Govind Pashu Vihar

†512. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been received regarding exclusion of 42 villages from the Govind Pashu Vihar situated in Uttarkashi of Uttarakhand State; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and if not, the reasons for not taking action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) No proposal regarding exclusion of 42 villages from the Govind Pashu Vihar has been received in the Ministry from the State Government of Uttarakhand. However, the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in its 18th meeting held on 12th April, 2010 recommended exclusion of an area of 126.60 sq.kms from the Govind National Park and Sanctuary wherein one of the conditions was that four villages, viz., Dhatmir, Gangar, Panwadi and Osla be resettled outside the Govind Wildlife Sanctuary by providing suitable compensation package.

Working of emigration processing software

513. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new ₹ 100 crore Emigration Processing Software installed by the Ministry is holding up Passports because it is much slower than the previous system, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) the action taken in the matter so far; and

(c) the action taken to further simplify the mechanism of issuing Passports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (RETD.) V.K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) The eMigrate Project launched by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) on 26th May, 2014 has been designed to facilitate and improve emigration management of workers from India. It is a comprehensive system covering entire spectrum of emigration including foreign employers, Indian Missions and Posts abroad, Protector of Emigrants Offices, MOIA, Recruiting Agents, Emigrants, Insurance Agencies, Ministry of External Affairs and Bureau of Immigration. It is aimed

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