

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018

NRI MARRIAGES

1156. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes for registration and proper documentation of the NRI marriages as abandoning the wife of NRI husbands has increased to a large extent;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made a survey of such cases and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey to safeguard Indian women from such incidents of violence; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The Government has accepted the recommendation for compulsory registration of NRI marriages of the Expert Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Justice Arvind Kumar Goel, ex-Chairperson, NRI Commission Punjab, to look into the issues and difficulties faced by Indian nationals married to overseas nationals of Indian origin and suggests amendments in existing laws/policies/regulation. An Integrated Nodal Agency has also been set up under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to discuss all issues related to NRI marital disputes.

(c) to (e) No such survey has been conducted. However, the Ministry maintains a record of complaints received from distressed women deserted by their NRI spouses and provides them necessary counseling, guidance and information on related matters.
