

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4483
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WAVING OF VISA CHARGES
BHUMA NAGI REDDY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have waived visa charges for all Sikh and Hindu Afghan Nationals for entry into India; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir;

(b) All Afghan nations including Sikhs and Hindus are issued gratis visas by Indian Missions and Posts abroad and their visas are extended gratis by Foreigners regional Registration Officers in India. This has been done keeping in view the friendly and traditional relationship with Afghanistan.