

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that some foreign countries have not issued visa to Indian nationals in the name of religion;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c): The Government is not aware of any instance of a foreign country denying visas to Indian nationals in the name of religion. Visa is the sovereign right of a country and its diplomatic missions and posts have the prerogative to grant or deny visa to an applicant without divulging the reason.