

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BIOMETRIC DATABASE FOR FOREIGN VISITORS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has started creating biometric database of visiting foreigners at the time of granting visa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said database would be created in respect of citizens of only a few foreign countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): Government has started implementing a project called IVFRT (Immigration, Visa and Foreigners Registration and Tracking). Biometric enrolment of visa applicants is one of the components of the project. After complete roll-out, this will cover all countries.