

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:589

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ASYLUM TO EDWARD SNOWDEN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request to grant asylum to Edward Snowden;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the Government's response in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) & (b) Mr. Edward Snowden wrote to the Indian Embassy in the Russian Federation on 30 June 2013 to request political asylum on human rights grounds.
- (c) The request for political asylum was declined by the Government.