

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2918
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VISA RESTRICTIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has imposed any restrictions on Pakistani nationals intending to visit their relatives in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such visitors are issued visa for Delhi instead of permitting them entry from the Wagha Attari check post;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to relax such visa restrictions to enable direct entry into Punjab to the Pakistani nationals from the Wagha Attari?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): There are no specific restrictions on Pakistani nationals intending to visit their relatives in Punjab.
- (c) to (e): As per information available, no flights are at present operating to Amritsar Airport from Pakistan. In respect of the other two modes of travel i.e. by Bus and Train, Pak nationals are not allowed to embark or disembark en route for security reasons. They are, therefore, required to travel to Delhi before going to Punjab.