

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN H B VISAS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian professionals who migrated to the US on receipt of H1B visa during the last one year;
- (b) whether any commitment was made the US President regarding increase in H1B visas for Indian professionals during his recent visit to India; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) As per the information available, the U.S. authorities approved 168,367 H1B visas for Indian citizens in 2012.
- (b) & (c) During the visit of the President of the United States to India in January 2015, Prime Minister had, interalia, raised the importance of ensuring easier access for Indian professionals into the United States. President of the United States had noted India's concerns in this regard.