

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Visa for Indian Professionals
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of visas issued by US Government for Indian professionals and personnel in last one year;
- (b) whether US President committed anything regarding increasing of US visas for our professionals on his recent State visit to India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) As per the US Department of State, the number of H-1B visas issued to Indian nationals in the year 2014 was 108,817. The number of L-1 visas issued to Indian nationals in 2014 was 20,197.

(b) & (c) During discussions on a range of bilateral issues during the visit of US President to India in January 2015, Prime Minister raised with the US President the importance of ensuring easier access for Indian professionals to the United States. The US President noted India's concerns in this regard.
