

OVER 1.6 LAKH INDIANS GIVE UP CITIZENSHIP

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Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.-

Over 1.6 lakh Indians renounced their citizenship in 2021, highest in the past five years, according to information provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Over 78,000 Indians acquired the U.S. citizenship, the highest among all other countries, by giving up Indian citizenship. India does not allow dual citizenship. As many as 362 Indians living in China also acquired Chinese citizenship.

'Personal reasons'

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, responding to a question by Fazlur Rehman, said in a written reply that "individuals renounced Indian citizenship for reasons personal to them." In 2018, MHA revised Form XXII under Citizenship Rules and included a column on "circumstances/reasons due to which applicant intends to acquire foreign citizenship and renounce Indian citizenship."

The reply stated that the number of Indians living in Australia who relinquished their citizenship stood at 23,533, Canada- 21,597, the U.K.-14,637, Italy-5,986, Netherlands- 2187, New Zealand- 2643, Singapore- 2516, the U.S. - 78284, Pakistan-41 and Nepal-10.

A reply said furnished by the Ministry in 2021 said that the number of Indians who gave up citizenship in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 stood at 1,33,049, 1,34,561, 1,44,017 and 85,248 respectively.

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