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Country-wise details of Applications for Indian Citizenship during 2014-19

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, in a written reply to a question regarding country-wise details of applications for Indian Citizenship during 2014-19, in Rajya Sabha today, informed that records of persons granted citizenship under section 5 by registration or under section 6 by naturalization of the Citizenship Act, 1955 are maintained as per the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and rules made there under.

The Minister stated that these records are not maintained religion-wise. The year-wise details of citizenship granted to nationals of neighboring countries during the period 2014-2019 are as below (as on 29.02.2020):

Year	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Myanmar	Total
2014	249	24	267	4	NIL	544
2015	234	16+14864*	263	17	NIL	15394
2016	244	39	670	35	NIL	988
2017	117	49	476	34	1	677
2018	30	19	450	12	NIL	511
2019	40	25	809	11	NIL	885
TOTAL	914	15036	2935	113	1	18999

*** 2015 – After signing of Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundry Agreement,
14864 Bangladeshi nationals were granted Indian Citizenship under
section 7 of the Citizenship Act, 1955.**

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