

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1348
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 22.09.2020

IMPACT OF H-1B VISA RESTRICTIONS ON IT COMPANIES

1348. SHRI P.L. PUNIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of H-1B Visa applied by Indian companies per year, the details thereof;
- (b) the share of Indian companies in H-1B Visa issued by the US, the details of the impending loss of employment and trade after the imposition of the restrictions;
- (c) the impact on Indian IT companies due to restrictions imposed by the US on H-1B Visa, the details thereof; and
- (d) Government's plan to provide employment to the talent returning from foreign countries, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) to (c): As per National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM), the 14 largest Indian technology companies in the U.S. had aggregate 6,663 H-1B visas approved for initial employment in the financial year 2019-20, these form 7.9% of the total 85,000 H-1B visas approved for cap and cap-exempt initial employment. These 14 companies form 85-90% of the H-1B visas issued to all Indian technology companies. The actual impact on Indian IT Companies due to restrictions imposed by the US on H-1B visa can only be gauged in course of time.

(d): Does not arise.
