

Title: Regarding permanent solution to Illegal Migration especially in Punjab - laid

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA): As the immigration from Punjab has grown seven fold over the last decade, frauds have also risen simultaneously. In a recent case, students have blamed immigration consultants for faking college offer letters to get Canadian visas. In March 2023, Canadian authorities sought to evict a number of Indians who entered Canada on student visas in 2017 and 2018 on the basis of fake letters. As migration increases, illegal and irregular migration is generally detected when the concerned persons who are cheated by unscrupulous agents are then apprehended in a foreign country. These agents extract lakhs of rupees in exchange of illegal border crossings and near entrapment at the other end. Punjab has seen a big boom in fake travel agencies, particularly in the rural areas of Punjab, where brokers send young men and women to countries like Romania, Serbia, Malta and even war-affected Ukraine from where the donkey routes take them to Western Europe. The Government needs to take pro-active measures to help around 700 students facing deportation in Canada as well as to find permanent solution to illegal migration menace through bogus agents in the country and especially in Punjab.