

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN ENCLAVES IN BANGALDESH
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government to ascertain the population of Indians living in Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide voting rights and issue voter ID cards to these Indians;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these Indians are likely to be provided the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

a&b) No Sir. The Government of Bangladesh has so far not agreed to the Indian suggestion for carrying out census in the Enclaves.

c,d&e) This could be examined only after conduct of census in the Enclaves.