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## Home Minister Reviews Facilities Granted To Minority Communities

### Neighbouring Countries

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Facilities Under Active Consideration

Union Home Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh reviewed the facilities granted to minority communities from the neighbouring countries on May 31. He also discussed the status of grant of Long Term Visa (LTV) and citizenship and other measures taken to streamline the process during the last two years.

The present Government has taken a number of steps to address the problem being faced by minority communities in neighbouring countries who have come to India due to religious persecution in their country.

The MHA also organized 26 Special Camps at district level in the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Mahashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and NCT of Delhi in 2015. During these camps, 2307 applications for LTV and 1994 applications for citizenship were received. The concerned State Governments have been advised to process these applications on priority basis.

The Union Home Minister has directed the officers to conduct more special camps in coming months and to ensure that in all pending cases, LTV and citizenship are granted before 15th August, 2016. Many more facilities to be given to these minority communities such as opening of Bank Accounts, purchase of dwelling units for self-occupation and self-employment , issuing of driving licence, PAN card, Aadhar card and reduction of fees for registration as citizens of India are under active consideration of the Government.

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