

AHMEDABAD DC OFFICE- PAK HINDU MIGRANTS reason of HAPPINESS

AHMEDABAD DC office has special place in hearts of Pak Hindu migrants resident of Ahmedabad. This is venue, where they have got their new identity as INDIAN CITIZEN after many years, they left their forefathers home, business, land, city in Pakistan –some 10-15 years ago. These Hindu migrants were feeling themselves without any identity. They say that in Pakistan they fear in identifying themselves as HINDUS, & in India they fear as PAKISTANI.

Hindu migrants shining faces show us the joy & happiness they feel, on day, when they have received their Indian citizenship certificates from Respected Dr. Vikrant Pandey – Collector & Dist. Magistrate Ahmedabad on 22nd June.

90 applicants have been issued citizenship certificates by office of District Collector office Ahmedabad. Honourable Collector told the large gathering of Hindu migrants that Gujarat Govt. is doing all needful for rehabilitation of pak Hindu migrants in Gujarat. Last year Gujarat Home Minister **Shri Pradipsinh Jadeja** has distributed the 104 c.c. to Hindu migrants. Respected Revenue Minister **Shri Kaushik Patel** distributed letters & c.c. to 95 applicants in April 2018 at Tagore hall. District Collector office has already issued 320 citizenship certificates in total so far after power delegation. Now today lot of 90 applicants has been given Indian citizenship.

Ahmedabad dist. is first & still no,1 in issue of Indian citizenship certificates to Hindu migrants in India, from the date of MHA notification of power delegation dt.

23.12.2016. **Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi ji** union cabinet decision of July, 2016 is being implemented in Gujarat with full enthusiasm.

Sindh Minority Migrants Association Secretary Rajesh Maheshwari & team has been representing the migrants issues with Gujarat Home deptt & Ministry of Home Affairs Govt. of India New Delhi. Honourable Ministers, M.Ps, have recommended to Govt. of India for early resolution of problems. Last year in April 2017, **Honourable Joint Parliamentary Committee on Citizenship** under chairmanship of Dr. Satya Pal Singh visited Ahmedabad. They held meetings with Hindu migrants in their localities Isanpur, sardarnagar & got first hand information. A Joint meeting of officials of MHA, MEA, Law Ministry, Gujarat Home deptt., FRRO Ahmedabad, Dist. Collectorate & representatives of Hindu migrants was held at circuit House Ahmedabad on 18th April, 2017 & discussed the issues.

Among the recipients, is elder lady Mirabai Kirshanlal Bhuptani, who has migrated to India 9 years ago after kidnap of her daughter at village Digri Sindh Pakistan. Her daughter Jaymala was kidnapped, forcefully converted & married to Muslim man. Mirabai family registered FIR with police, approached court, local politicians, religious leaders, village elders for 6 months but no one heard his complaint & gave justice. Finally he migrated to India with rest of family members leaving all home, business, belongings at Pakistan. Now elders have become Indians & their sons will apply for Indian citizenship on the basis of parents. They feel safe in India.

Four siblings Rita, Darshna, Laxmi & Sandip got citizenship after 19 years. They have migrated to India in 1999. Their parents have got Indian citizenship in 2006. They applied but due to different queries from MHA New Delhi, their case dragged for another 13 years. Finally they got Indian citizenship with support of DC officials & personal intervention of Respected DM Ahmedabad.

All the applicants experience at DC office Ahmedabad is very good. All the officials at DC/Citizenship branch are polite, courteous, helping to illiterate & ignorant Hindu migrant applicants. They are sensitive to difficulties faced by Hindu migrants at Pakistan & help them in completing the formalities earliest possible. Respected District Magistrate Dr. Vikrant Pandey s' support has made the citizenship grant process at DC office more transparent, fast & hassle free . He himself monitor all the process steps & coordinates with other deptts. for timely completion of all the formalities. He assured all the Hindu migrants that all the applications will be processed before time period of 23.12.2018 positively & not a single eligible applicant will be left out.

Sindh Minority Migrants Association representative Rajesh Maheshwari & other members thanked Respected DM Ahmedabad Dr. Shri Vikrant Pandey officials of DC Ahmedabad , FRO Ahmedabad & other deptt. for their active support in doing needful. He requested MHA Govt. of India to adopt DC Ahmedabad model for fast processing of Hindu migrants citizenship applications.

SMMA request Honourable Prime Minister of India, Union Home Minister, MHA to extend the time period of delegation of power of citizenship to 2 more years up to 23.12.2020 , so that maximum Hindu migrants can benefit & get Indian citizenship.





