

Repatriation/Deportation procedure for illegal foreigners

Foreign nationals who trespass into Indian Territory without valid travel documents (i.e. valid passport and VISA) and are intercepted and arrested by the Border Security Force or Police authority in the state of West Bengal, are prosecuted under Foreigners Act. The accused foreigners are detained in the different correctional homes in this state. After completion of their sentence, their personal particulars are forwarded for verification/confirmation of the nationality, to the Embassy/Consulate/High Commission/Deputy High Commission of the countries concerned, from which the accused foreigner is reported to be infiltrated. This particular process is done through the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Branch Secretariat, in Kolkata. After receiving the nationality confirmation from the respective Embassy/Consulate/High Commission/Deputy High Commission, the foreigner, after being released from the Correctional Home, as 'JaanKhalash', is repatriated/deported to his/her home country, as per STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP), through local SP, DIB and Border Security Force.

In case of minors/juveniles, if detained for illegal entry into India, they are kept in different Observation Homes. Their nationality verification/confirmation is also being done through MEA. They are also repatriated in the same way.

Indian arrested in a foreign country

If an Indian national, being a resident of the state of West Bengal, is arrested abroad his repatriation case is to be negotiated through the Embassy/High Commission of India in that country. His/her antecedent/nationality is verified through the local District Magistrate/Superintendent of Police and the report of nationality verification is sent to the Embassy/High Commission of India in that country, for repatriation of the Indian national.