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Ottawa is mulling over giving topmost preference to those single parents whose each and every child is in Canada. This is one choice being considered by the Canadian Immigration Minister.

Other steps in the pipeline include:

1. Increasing the income criteria for those offering sponsorships and making certain that they offer financial assistance to the senior members of the family in the â€˜Country above the USâ€™ for the entire lifetime.

2. Settling for the balance of family test wherein the parents and grandparents should have not less than 50% of their kids staying on a permanent basis in the Maple Country to qualify for sponsorship.

3. Putting a ceiling on eligibility for those sponsors who enjoy the citizenship of the nation. At the present, those having the permanent residency status of the nation are entitled to offer sponsorship to their parents and grandparents.

4. Putting a ceiling on the applications to extraordinary situations and cases by necessitating that either the parent or grandparent to be widowed or possess certain other special requirements.

Meanwhile, Jason Kenney, the minister, has reportedly said that the nation is entirely denoted to assisting families reunite. He added that the response of the Canadians will inspire Ottawa to come up with a fresh system under which applications in the future will be looked into as soon as possible, and that there would not be cases of mounting backlogs.

Since the month of November, the nation has ended entertaining sponsorship applications meant for parents and grandparents even as this has been engineered to put a check on the backlog of sponsorship which now touches the 168,500 mark. During 2012, the government intends to accept somewhere in the range of 21,800--25,000 visa applications. During 2011, it was only 14,072.

Canada also introduced the Super Visa (10-year) in the month of December, enabling parents and grandparents to undertake temporary visits to the nation. Kenney further said that the overhauled program must be perfectly in tune with financial restrictions, in view of the rather liberal public health-care program and certain other social advantages offered by the country.

Reportedly, nearly 50% of those who took part in a 2011 survey had declared that they wish that the class of parents and grandparents be brought to an end even as 1,482 participants had also said that they wished that more parents were allowed entry into Canada per annum. However, 1,272 persons had favored restrictions saying that they wished that there be a check on the numbers.

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