

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA STARRED  
QUESTION NO. 92  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

**Evacuation Of Indian Citizens**

**\*92. Shri Anto Antony  
Shri A. Raja**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the ongoing escalation in tensions across the Gaza strip and if so, the details thereof and official stand of the country thereon;
- (b) whether the Government has made any efforts to reach out to Israel and de-escalate the situation and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has provided/intends to provide any type of humanitarian support aid to those affected in the region and if so, the details thereof including the type of aid and assistance and medical relief provided to those affected;
- (d) the number of Indian nationals brought to India safely from Israel/Gaza strip under "Operation Ajay" after the break-out of war between Israel and Palestinian forces; and
- (e) whether any efforts were made and talks held with Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of Indian nationals, Indian Embassy and their staff?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 92 for reply on 08.12.2023 regarding Evacuation Of Indian Citizens asked by Shri Anto Antony and Shri A. Raja.**

(a & b) India has strongly condemned the terror attacks on Israel on 7 October 2023 and also the loss of civilian lives in the ongoing Israel – Hamas conflict. We remain concerned at the deteriorating security situation and have called for restraint, de-escalation and emphasized peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. We welcome the humanitarian pauses and the release of hostages.

Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister have spoken to several leaders in the region and across the world including the President and Prime Minister of Israel and Palestinian President. India has also strongly taken up the ongoing situation in Gaza at multilateral fora such as G20, BRICS and Voice of Global South Summit and reiterated its stance.

(c) India has provided 70 Tonnes of humanitarian aid including 16.5 Tonnes of medicine and medical supplies in 2 tranches to the people of Palestine on 22 October 2023 and 19 November 2023. This included tents, blankets, hygiene kits, life saving medicines, surgical items and medical equipment.

(d) So far, 1309 Indian nationals have returned to India in six special flights operated under Operation Ajay from Israel and we have also facilitated return of one Indian national from Gaza Strip.

(e) The Embassy of India, Tel Aviv, is in regular communication with Indian community and relevant departments and ministries in the government of the State of Israel to ensure the safety and security of all Indian nationals living in Israel.

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