

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1294
ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2024**

STUDY PERMITS TO INDIAN STUDENTS

1294. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the issuance of study permits to Indian students by the Government of Canada has seen a significant drop of 86% in the last quarter compared to the previous one primarily due to diplomatic tensions/strained diplomatic relations with India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the total number of study permits to Indian students issued during the last three years and the current year;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take steps to improve the diplomatic relations with Canada in near future for the sake of our students; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)**

(a & b) We have seen some reports regarding a reduction in the number of study permits issued by the Government of Canada to Indian students in the last quarter of the year 2023. Exact data regarding study permits issued during this period is not available.

There could be many reasons for the reduction in study permits including deportation notices issued to some Indian students with valid visas, a deteriorating security situation in Canada, increase in hate crimes, and efficiency of the visa issuance process.

(c) Data regarding the total number of study permits issued by the Government of Canada to Indian students in the last three years is given below:

[Source: Government of Canada]

- **2021 – 1,69,330**
- **2022 – 2,25,835**
- **2023 – 2,15,910***

****Data is for January to November 2023. Data for 2024 is not available.***

(d & e) The Government is engaged with Canada through diplomatic channels on all issues of mutual concern. We have also asked the Canadian government to take constructive measures to address our security concerns and ensure safety of all Indian nationals.
