

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-19
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024**

SAFETY OF INDIAN STUDENTS ABROAD

***19. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme/initiatives to promote awareness and provide for the well-being of Indian students in foreign countries, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the total number of Indian students in foreign universities across the world, especially in USA, UK, Canada, Germany and Australia who have died/been killed during the last five years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether the Government has any existing policy regarding the safety and protection of Indian students in potential/existing conflict-prone areas across the world, if so, the details thereof and the total number of Indian students rescued from conflict zones during the last three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

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

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 19 for reply on 02.02.2024 regarding 'Safety of Indian Students Abroad'.

The welfare of Indian students abroad is one of the foremost priorities for the Government of India. Indian Missions/Posts abroad arrange welcome ceremonies for students enrolled for studying in foreign universities, encouraging them to register with the Missions/Posts. Wherever Indian students are enrolled in Universities abroad, the Missions keep in regular touch with them. Heads of Mission/Post and senior officials visit Universities and educational institutions for regular interactions with Indian students and student associations.

Indian Missions/Posts abroad respond to any issues faced by Indian students on priority basis. Grievances are responded through various channels like calls, walk-ins, e-mails, social media, 24x7 Helplines, Open Houses, and MADAD portal. Any complaints received from the students abroad are taken up with the concerned universities/educational institutions and the host government as the case may be, for requisite action. Our Missions and Posts remain vigilant and closely monitor the well being of students. In case there is any untoward incident, it is immediately taken up with the concerned authorities of the host country to ensure that the incident is properly investigated and the perpetrators are punished. During emergency or crisis situations, our Missions/Posts abroad pro-actively help distressed/stranded Indian students in terms of providing food, shelter, medicine and return passage to India. Operation Ganga & Operation Ajay are two notable examples of operations launched recently where Government evacuated Indian students.

As per the information available with the Ministry, 403 incidents of death of Indian students abroad have been reported since 2018 due to various reasons including natural causes, accidents and medical conditions. Country-wise details of death of Indian students abroad is placed at 'Annexure-A.'

As per information available with the Ministry, 23,906 Indian nationals, including students, have been evacuated from conflict zones during the last three years. State-wise details of Indian nationals rescued from abroad is placed at 'Annexure-B'.

Country Wise Details of Death of Indian Students Abroad since 2018		
Sl. No.	Country	No. of incidents
1	Australia	35
2	Bangladesh	4
3	Belgium	1
4	Bulgaria	1
5	Canada	91
6	China	9
7	Cyprus	14
8	Czech Republic	3
9	Egypt	3
10	Finland	4
11	France	4
12	Germany	20
13	Guyana	1
14	Italy	10
15	Kazakhstan	5
16	Kenya	1
17	Korea (ROK)	3
18	Kyrgyzstan	9
19	Malta	1
20	Norway	1
21	Pakistan	1
22	Philippines	10
23	Qatar	9
24	Romania	2
25	Russia	40
26	South Africa	1
27	Spain	3
28	Suriname	3
29	Sweden & Latvia	2
30	Switzerland	1
31	Taiwan	6
32	Ukraine	21
33	U.K.	48
34	USA	36
Total		403

State-Wise Details of Indians Repatriated from Abroad

Sl. No.	State / Union Territory	Number of People
1	Andaman & Nicobar	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	833
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4	Assam	86
5	Bihar	1402
6	Chandigarh	53
7	Chhattisgarh	219
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	5
9	Daman & Diu	5
10	Delhi	744
11	Goa	21
12	Gujarat	1546
13	Haryana	1503
14	Himachal Pradesh	332
15	Jammu & Kashmir	138
16	Jharkhand	233
17	Karnataka	1072
18	Kerala	3636
19	Lakshadweep	4
20	Madhya Pradesh	446
21	Maharashtra	1470
22	Manipur	47
23	Meghalaya	42
24	Mizoram	2
25	Nagaland	9
26	Odisha	503
27	Puducherry	35
28	Punjab	680
29	Rajasthan	1054
30	Sikkim	37
31	Tamil Nadu	1854
32	Telangana	866
33	Tripura	32
34	Uttar Pradesh	2862
35	Uttarakhand	295
36	West Bengal	643
37	Others (states not specified)	1192
	Total	23906
