

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN STUDENTS MISSING IN UKRAINE
ANANDRAO ADSUL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian students are going Ukraine to pursue higher studies in Medicine, Engineering etc;
- (b) if so, the number of students who went to Ukraine to pursue their studies in medicine during the last three years;
- (c) whether any of these students were found missing during the above period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have taken any steps to trace them; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Indian students in Ukraine pursue their studies on private basis, therefore, their precise numbers are not known. It is estimated that about one thousand Indian students would have gone to Ukraine during the last three years.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) One Indian student pursuing a medical course in Ukraine, is reported missing since July, 2000.
- (e) & (f) The Indian Embassy in Kyiv has pursued the matter with the local police authorities and the Ukrainian Government. An officer of the Central Bureau of Investigation was sent to Ukraine in April-May, 2001 to assist Ukrainian authorities in their investigations. The efforts of the Ukrainian authorities to locate the missing student have not yet been successful.