

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIANS MISSING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian citizens missing in the foreign countries during each year of last three years, country-wise;
- (b) the steps taken to trace them and ascertain their whereabouts;
- (c) the details of those who have been traced; and
- (d) the details of such requests pending with various countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a) The number of Indian citizens missing in foreign countries during each year of last three years, country-wise as obtained from 90 Indian Missions/Posts abroad is given in Annexure.
- (b) As and when any complaint is received in the Missions, the matter is taken up with the company/sponsor/employer, jail/immigration authorities etc. for investigation in the host country to trace their whereabouts. The updated information regarding the missing Indian citizens is conveyed to the concerned complainant.
- (c) The country-wise details of the 291 Indian citizens traced are as follows: Australia-3, France-1, Italy-3, Kuwait-39, Malaysia-10, Nicosia-2, Qatar-199, Sweden-1, United Arab Emirates-16, United Kingdom-16 and United States of America-1.
- (d) The country-wise details of the untraced 141 persons are as follows: Afghanistan-1, Australia-3, Canada-1, Denmark-1, Greece-1, Guatemala-1, Indonesia-1, Japan-1, Kuwait-1, Malaysia-28, Qatar-1, United Arab Emirates-99 and United States of America-2.