

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2961

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2016

Evacuation of Indians Stranded in South Sudan

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian Nationals stuck in war-torn South Sudan;
- (b) whether any case of casualty of Indians or their loss to property has been reported from South Sudan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Operation Sankat Mochan has been launched by the Government to evacuate Indian National stuck in war-torn South Sudan and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of Indian Nationals who are still to be evacuated; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for safe evacuation of Indian Nationals from war-torn South Sudan?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

- (a) No Indian National is stuck in South Sudan. There are around 700 Indians. Their number keeps on fluctuating depending on their service conditions.
- (b) Our Embassy in Juba has not received any report of casualty of any Indian national or loss to their property.
- (c) to (e) The Government of India, in order to alleviate the difficulties faced by our nationals in South Sudan, launched Operation Sankat Mochan on 14th-15th July under which 153 Indians and 2 citizens of Nepal were evacuated. No other Indian national is desirous of being evacuated from South Sudan. Normalcy has returned to Juba, with operations of regular commercial flights.