

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4894
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

EVACUATION NORMS FOR INDIANS

4894. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any details regarding the number of Indians who are presently staying abroad;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any measures to ensure the safety of Indian nationals who are holding Indian passport;
- (c) if so, the details of Indian passport holders except PIO, who are staying abroad for purpose of job and education, country- wise;
- (d) whether any bilateral evacuation norms and protocol with foreign countries during any emergency therein are in existence; and
- (e) if so, the details of recent evacuation of stranded Indians from Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Russia?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (c) The estimated total number of Indians (NRIs) living in foreign countries as per the latest available data with the Ministry is 1.345 crore. The country wise details of Indian passport holders who are abroad as per details available from our Missions is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Several steps have been taken by the Government of India to ensure safety and security of Indian passport holders abroad. Any issue pertaining to Indians abroad is dealt by the Mission/Posts on priority basis. Missions/Posts conduct open houses for NRIs to discuss issues related to their safety and security. These issues are further highlighted and taken up with the host government wherever necessary for action on priority basis. Besides, the Ministry organizes awareness workshops on safe and legal migration for the welfare of our workers and to generate awareness among them. A Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) is imparted to the workers before they migrate to foreign countries. Also a PDOT manual for prospective emigrants has been prepared, including its translation in regional languages. Online PDOT has also been launched to reach out to

women and prospective migrants from remote areas. The Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY) provides insurance for workers. Some other initiatives like MADAD Portal, Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF), E-migrate Portal, Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayta Kendra (PBSK), etc. help NRIs to get assistance and address their grievances and ensure their safety and security. Grievances are also registered and responded through various channels like calls, walk-in, e-mails, Twitter, Whatsapp, 24 x 7 Helpline and other Social Media accounts of Missions/Posts. Furthermore, to facilitate the return of Indian nationals stranded in various countries due to restriction imposed in the wake of pandemic, the Vande Bharat Mission was undertaken. Recently, under Operation Ganga, the Government evacuated Indian nationals, largely students stranded in the Ukraine conflict Zone. During such crises, our Missions/Posts abroad proactively help distressed/stranded Indian nationals in terms of providing food, shelter, medicine and return back to India.

(d) & (e) Each evacuation mission is undertaken taking into account the local security situation. Government engages with the host government as well as the neighboring countries to ensure the most efficient and secure way of evacuating our nationals from conflict zones. Around 22,500 Indian Nationals, mostly students, were evacuated from Ukraine under Operation Ganga.

Annexure-I

As per information available with the Ministry, the estimated number of Overseas Indians are as under:

Sl.No	Country	Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
1	Afghanistan	3087
2	Albania	50
3	Algeria	5700
4	Andorra	50
5	Angola	2500
6	Anguilla	30
7	Ankara	1278
8	Antigua & Barbuda	220
9	Argentina	800
10	Armenia	1477
11	Aruba	600
12	Australia	241000
13	Austria and Montenegro	13000
14	Azerbaijan	953
15	Bahamas	250
16	Bahrain	323292
17	Bangladesh	10385
18	Barbados	600
19	Belarus	854
20	Belgium	12386
21	Belize	300
22	Benin	1563
23	Bhutan	60000
24	Bolivia	50
25	Bonaire & Smaller Islands	54
26	Bosnia & Herzegovina	20
27	Botswana	9000
28	Brazil	4729
29	British Virgin Islands	50
30	Brunei Darussalam	11500
31	Bulgaria	250
32	Burkina Faso	200
33	Burundi	465
34	Cambodia	1500
35	Cameroon	800
36	Canada	178410
37	Cape Verde Islands	20
38	Cayman Islands	1500

39	Central African Republic	100
40	Chad	120
41	Chile	1530
42	China	55500
43	China (Hong Kong)	31569
44	China (Rep. Of Taiwan)	3068
45	Colombia	450
46	Comoros	30
47	Congo (Dem. Rep. of)	10000
48	Congo (Rep. Of)	590
49	Cook Island	5
50	Costa Rica	1011
51	Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	1500
52	Croatia	82
53	Cuba	600
54	Curacao	700
55	Cyprus	7254
56	Czech Republic	4590
57	Denmark	12685
58	Djibouti	500
59	Dominica (Commonwealth of)	15
60	Dominica Republic	100
61	East Timor	100
62	Ecuador	300
63	Egypt	3950
64	El Salvador	14
65	Equatorial Guinea	250
66	Eritrea	300
67	Estonia	741
68	Ethiopia	5500
69	Fiji	1400
70	Finland	5652
71	France	19000
72	France (Reunion Island)	300
73	France (Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Martin)	420
74	Gabon	1100
75	Gambia	700
76	Georgia	3192
77	Germany	1,42,585
78	Ghana	10000
79	Greece	12300

80	Grenada	200
81	Guatemala	50
82	Guinea (Republic of)	700
83	Guinea Bissau	100
84	Guyana	600
85	Haiti	580
86	Holy See	NA
87	Honduras	15
88	Hungary	1026
89	Iceland	257
90	Indonesia	8500
91	Iran	4000
92	Iraq	18000
93	Ireland	15000
94	Israel	12467
95	Italy	157695
96	Jamaica	5000
97	Japan	37933
98	Jordan	20569
99	Kazakhstan	6785
100	Kenya	20000
101	Kiribati	0
102	Korea (DPR)	15
103	Korea (Republic of)	13236
104	Kuwait	1028274
105	Kyrgyzstan	11200
106	Laos, PDR	450
107	Latvia	760
108	Lebanon	8500
109	Lesotho (Kingdom of)	1500
110	Liberia	1500
111	Libya	1500
112	Liechtenstein (Principality of)	5
113	Lithuania	1000
114	Luxembourg	2331
115	Macedonia	7
116	Madagascar	2500
117	Malaysia	227950
118	Malawi	2500
119	Maldives	25000
120	Mali	436
121	Malta	4850
122	Marshall Islands (Republic of)	14
123	Mauritania	150

124	Mauritius	10500
125	Mexico	6000
126	Micronesia	35
127	Moldova	600
128	Monaco	30
129	Mongolia	150
130	Montserrat	40
131	Morocco	250
132	Mozambique	2300
133	Myanmar	9207
134	Namibia	200
135	Nauru	20
136	Nepal	600000
137	Netherlands	40000
138	Netherlands Antilles	2581
139	New Zealand	80000
140	Nicaragua	39
141	Niger	150
142	Nigeria	40000
143	Niue	9
144	Norway	8732
145	Oman	779351
146	Pakistan	0
147	Palau (Republic of)	27
148	Palestine (PLO)	20
149	Panama	4000
150	Papua New Guinea	2900
151	Paraguay	200
152	Peru	399
153	Philippines	105000
154	Poland	10162
155	Portugal	11393
156	Qatar	745775
157	Romania	1741
158	Russian Federation	21354
159	Rwanda	2940
160	Samoa	21
161	San Marino	0
162	Sao Tome and Principe (Rep. of)	50
163	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	2592166
164	Senegal	500
165	Serbia	303
166	Seychelles	5200
167	Sierra Leone	900

168	Singapore	350000
169	Slovak Republic	500
170	Slovenia	126
171	Solomon Islands	50
172	Somalia	100
173	South Africa	60000
174	Spain	49084
175	Sri Lanka	14000
176	St. Kitts and Nevis	500
177	St. Lucia	550
178	St. Martin	2171
179	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	50
180	Sudan	1500
181	South Sudan	1100
182	Suriname	205
183	Swaziland	1000
184	Sweden	15349
185	Switzerland	17403
186	Syria	94
187	Tajikistan	1500
188	Tanzania	10000
189	Thailand	20000
190	Togo	500
191	Tonga	6
192	Trinidad & Tobago	1800
193	Tunisia	121
194	Turkey	1609
195	Turkmenistan	240
196	Turks & Caicos Islands	200
197	Tuvalu	0
198	Uganda	23500
199	Ukraine*	-
200	UAE	3419875
201	UK	351000
202	USA	1280000
203	Uruguay	570
204	Uzbekistan	350
205	Vanuatu	10
206	Venezuela	50
207	Vietnam	5000
208	Yemen	500
209	Zambia	6000
210	Zimbabwe	500
	Total	13451654

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