

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

INDIAN CITIZENS IN JAILS ABROAD

1607. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian missions abroad have the details and the number of Indian citizens in jails during 2014-15 to 2017-18; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) The number of Indian nationals in prisons in foreign countries is dynamic and keeps changing. As per information available with the Ministry through our Missions/Posts, 8445 Indian nationals are currently in jails in foreign countries. Details are given in Annexure.

(b) Our Missions and Posts abroad extend all possible help and assistance to the imprisoned Indian nationals including when they are detained by local police/immigration authorities or put in prisons for violation of local laws. After confirmation of nationality of such persons, our Missions and Posts extend all possible consular services and also facilitate their repatriation to India by issuing them necessary travel documents. They also make regular visits to local jails and detention centers to ascertain the condition of Indian nationals lodged there and provide requisite help and support. Missions and Posts also maintain a local panel of lawyers where Indian community is in sizable numbers. Legal assistance is also available to Indian nationals in prisons abroad through the Indian Community Welfare Fund.

ANNEXURE

S. No.	Country	The number of Indians nationals currently in foreign jails
1	Armenia	10
2	Australia	71
3	Austria	5
4	Azerbaijan	4
5	Bahrain	121
6	Bangladesh	40
7	Belarus	1
8	Belgium	22
9	Bhutan	66
10	Brazil	2
11	Brunei	1
12	Cambodia	3
13	China	234
14	Cote D' Ivoire	3
15	Cuba	1
16	Cyprus	7
17	Denmark	5
18	Fiji	1
19	Finland	1
20	France	33
21	Germany	51
22	Ghana	1
23	Greece	27
24	Indonesia	22
25	Iran	5
26	Iraq	1
27	Israel	2
28	Italy	230
29	Japan	7
30	Jordan	26
31	Korea (Republic of)	2
32	Kuwait	483
33	Kyrgyzstan	2
34	Lao PDR	2
35	Lebanon	5
36	Malaysia	497
37	Maldives	12
38	Mauritius	1

39	Mexico	1
40	Mozambique	2
41	Myanmar	56
42	Nepal	1065
43	Netherlands	1
44	New Zealand	13
45	Nigeria	1
46	Oman	59
47	Pakistan	549
48	Panama	1
49	Portugal	5
50	Qatar	212
51	Russian Federation	3
52	Saudi Arabia	2224
53	Senegal	1
54	Singapore	117
55	South Africa	6
56	South Sudan	1
57	Spain	41
58	Sri Lanka	66
59	Sweden	2
60	Tanzania	4
61	Thailand	43
62	Uganda	1
63	Ukraine	1
64	United Arab Emirates	1606
65	United Kingdom	267
66	U.S.A	88
67	Vietnam	1
68	Yemen	1
	TOTAL	8445