GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.564
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.09.2020

CITIZENS REPATRIATED DURING COVID PANDEMIC

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of citizens brought back to India during the Corona infection till date, the details thereof along with the number of students;

(b) the number of citizens who came to India on their own expense and the number of citizens who came on Government's expense, the details thereof along with the total amount spent; and

(c) the number of citizens found COVID-19 positive amongst the said number of citizens after coming to India; the number of citizens who were quarantined, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) The total number of Indian citizens brought back to India during the coronavirus pandemic is 14,12,835. As per information provided by passengers at the time of registration, around 56,874 students have returned to India under the Vande Bharat Mission. Under the Vande Bharat Mission passengers or the sponsoring companies are required to buy the ticket. Moreover, Indian Mission abroad have assisted 62,000 Indian nationals in distress from the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF).

(c) According to information provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the total number of passengers found COVID-19 positive on arrival in India was 3248.

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