

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1816
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

INDIAN EXPATS IN UKRAINE

1816. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:
PROF MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian expats in Ukraine during the start of the war;
- (b) the timeline of warning guidelines issued to Indians to leave Ukraine;
- (c) the number of them who were rescued as a result of India's efforts during the war;
- (d) the total amount spent by India for this mission;
- (e) whether the privatisation of Air India has affected the rescue mission; and
- (f) whether Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to the Indian expats for their return to Ukraine to continue their studies after the war ends, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI]

- (a) The number of Indian nationals in Ukraine that were registered with Embassy of India, Kyiv as on 31 January, 2022 was 19,763. Additionally, there were Indian nationals in the country who had not registered.
- (b) A number of advisories were issued by Embassy of India, Kyiv. These were issued on 15 February, 20 February, 22 February, 24 February, 25 February, 27 February, 28 February, 1 March, 2 March and 8 March. Advisories were also issued by our Missions in neighbouring countries of Ukraine regarding movement of Indian nationals to these countries for eventual evacuation.
- (c) Over 18,500 Indian nationals were evacuated from Ukraine as a result of India's efforts from 26 February — 11 March, 2022.
- (d) The bills for expenditure are yet to be received.
- (e) Privatization of Air India has not affected the rescue mission as many private carriers, including Air India participated actively in Operation Ganga. Indian Air Force also operated a number of flights under Operation Ganga.
- (f) The conflict is still ongoing and the question is hypothetical.
