

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1819**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

**STUDENTS PURSUING HIGHER STUDIES ABROAD**

1819. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government maintains data pertaining to the number of Indian students pursuing higher studies overseas , if so, the number of students at present in Ukraine;
- (b) whether Indian students trapped in war-torn Ukraine are facing local hostilities and various troubles there, if so, the kind of intervention made in this matter by Government; and
- (c) the number of Indian students who have been evacuated from Ukraine till date and the number of them who are still stranded there?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI]

(a) Our Missions abroad maintain data of Indian nationals including students based on details filled up by Indian nationals as part of their registration with the Embassy. As on 10 March, 2022, the number of Indian nationals including students estimated to be in Ukraine is around 50.

(b) Hostilities have resulted from the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, including shelling, firing and aerial bombardment. Curfew and martial law have been imposed in several cities of Ukraine from time to time. All of this posed risk for the safety, security and movement of civilians in Ukraine, including for Indian nationals moving from the conflict areas to the relatively safer bordering areas to the west. This huge exodus of people moving towards the western part of Ukraine led to extraordinary pressure on the border crossing infrastructure.

The matter regarding safety and security of Indian nationals in Ukraine is the topmost priority and has been taken up at the highest levels with the Government of Ukraine. Embassy of India actively liasioned with the Ukrainian side in ensuring the safe movement of Indian nationals to the western parts of the country for their eventual evacuation through Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Moldova. The Embassy also coordinated with local authorities as well as local community members in providing food and safe shelter for Indian nationals in Ukraine.

(c) Around 22,500 Indian nationals, mostly students, have been departed from Ukraine as on 11 March, 2022. Around 50 Indian nationals are still estimated to be in Ukraine.

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