GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2469
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022

INDIANS CASUALTY IN UKRAINE

2469. SHRI VAIKO:

SMT. CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

(a) the details of number of Indian students/Indian citizens who have died or injured in Ukraine due to war till date, number of those who have been evacuated under Operation Ganga and those still trapped and yet to be evacuated, State-wise;

(b) the details of dates on which advisories were issued by Government to Indians to leave Ukraine before the Russian attack on Ukraine;

(c) whether Indian students of Sumy University, Ukraine have been seeking help for evacuation from Indian embassy in Ukraine but the embassy personnel did not respond; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken against the guilty officials?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI]

(a) Shri Naveen Shekarappa Gyanagaudar, a final year medical student of Kharkiv Medical University, lost his life in Kharkiv. Another Indian national, Shri Harjot Singh, who suffered bullet injuries on his way out from Kyiv was given medical attention in Kyiv and later evacuated safely from Ukraine and brought back to India under the supervision of a doctor.

Overall, 22,500 nationals left Ukraine since Feb 2022 of which over 18,500 Indian nationals were evacuated from Ukraine as a result of India’s efforts during the conflict from 26 February -11 March, 2022. Around 40-50 Indian nationals are still in Ukraine, of which only a few are willing to return to India. Their return is being facilitated by the Embassy.

(b) Embassy of India in Kyiv issued an advisory on 15 February, 2022 advising that Indian nationals in Ukraine, whose stay is not essential, may leave the country temporarily. It also advised Indian nationals not to travel to Ukraine or undertake non-essential movements within Ukraine. Further advisories were also issued on 20 February and 22 February pressing students to leave Ukraine.

(c) & (d) Embassy in Kyiv and officers in MEA Control room were in regular touch with our students in Sumy University, till they were successfully evacuated. Officers of the Embassy and the Ministry of External Affairs travelled to the Sumy region to enable the evacuation.

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