

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-227
ANSWERED ON - 08/12/2022

REPATRIATION OF INDIANS UNDER VANDE BHARAT MISSION

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of Indian nationals repatriated between May 2020 and March 2021 under the Vande Bharat Mission;
- (b) whether Government has included domestic connecting flights in the total number of flights from each phase of the mission;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the number listed on the website of the Ministry of External Affairs is almost double the actual number of repatriated citizens; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

- (a), (d) & (e) As per the information available with the Ministry, 60.92 lakh Indian nationals were repatriated between May 2020 and April 2021 including flights under Air Bubble arrangements.
- (b) & (c) As per information received from Ministry of Civil Aviation, domestic connecting flights were not included in the total number of flights from each phase of the mission.
