

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1830
ANSWERED ON- 16/03/2023

INDIAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

1830#. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH

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

(a) the number of Indian students studying in Canadian universities and the number of Indians who are working there;

(b) the number of incidents of attacks on Indians living in Canada that have been reported and the number of Indians killed or seriously injured in these incidents; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the attacks on Indians in Canada?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) There are approximately 2,30,000 Indian students in Canadian colleges and universities. More than, 2,00,000 Indian citizens in Canada have a work permit.

(b) As per information available with the Ministry and our Mission/Consulates in Canada, data about reported incidents of attacks on Indians living in Canada resulting in loss of life or serious injury in last five years is given below:

Year	No. of Incidents
2023	01
2022*	02
2021	NIL
2020	NIL
2019	01

**One Indian national lost his life in 2022*

(c) The safety and well-being of Indian nationals in foreign countries is the top priority for the Government. Indian Mission/Consulates in Canada are constantly engaged with the Indian community including on measures to ensure their safety and well-being.

The Ministry and our Mission/Consulates in Canada regularly take up with the concerned Canadian authorities any untoward incidents related to the Indian community and request

them to ensure proper investigation, identification of the perpetrators and impartation of justice.

Our Mission/Consulates in Canada have a 24-hour emergency number mentioned on their websites through which Indian nationals can contact the Mission/Consulates. Indian nationals are encouraged to register with the Mission/Consulates through their respective websites or the MADAD portal (www.madad.gov.in). Advisories are also issued for Indian nationals from time to time, asking them to exercise due caution and remain vigilant.
