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

- (a) the number of Indian students who went abroad for studies in the last five years, country-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the number of students who came back to India after completion of their studies, year-wise;
- (c) the number of foreigners who came to India for study purposes in last five years country wise and year-wise;
- d) the number of foreign students who stayed back in India after completing their studies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a to d) As per the information received from Bureau of Immigration, the number of Indians who went abroad for studies during the last five years, country-wise and year-wise is enclosed at Annexure A.

As per information received from Bureau of Immigration, the number of foreigners who came to India on student visa from 2018 to 2022, country-wise and year-wise is enclosed at Annexure B.

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Annexure-A

DESTINATION-WISE (COUNTRY) STATISTICS OF INDIAN NATIONALS WHO DISCLOSED THEIR PURPOSE AS STUDY/EDUCATION WHILE GOING ABROAD FOR : 2018 - 2022						
Sl. No.	COUNTRY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	AFGHANISTAN	35	39	10	10	27
2	ALAND ISLANDS	2	0	0	2	3
3	ALBANIA	7	7	2	335	57
4	ALGERIA	1	2	0	2	2
5	AMERICAN SAMOA		2	1	0	1
6	ANDORRA	16	19	8	12	119
7	ANGOLA	1	6	1	1	9
8	ANGUILLA	1	1	1	2	1
9	ANTARTICA	0	0	1	1	
10	ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS	25	46	28	8	75
11	ARGENTINA	16	24	7	28	39
12	ARMENIA	1297	1,810	534	2,796	1952
13	ARUBA	12	14	7	7	9
14	AUSTRALIA	63670	73,808	33,629	8,950	59,044
15	AUSTRIA	456	457	192	353	466
16	AZERBAIJAN	100	112	37	35	265
17	BAHAMAS	64	54	8	19	119
18	BAHRAIN	327	234	46	38	112
19	BANGLADESH	10167	13,412	5,479	10,493	17,006
20	BARBADOS	164	100	40	24	64
21	BELARUS	576	730	524	641	695
22	BELGIUM	503	648	355	605	514
23	BELIZE	227	142	19	19	29
24	BENIN	2	4	0	7	1
25	BERMUDA	61	10	0	2	2
26	BHUTAN	43	52	6	0	9
27	BOLIVIA	1	6	0	0	
28	BOSNIA	15	7	6	7	145
29	BOTSWANA	21	8	6	2	7
30	BOUVET ISLAND	0	0	0	0	
31	BRAZIL	95	85	24	24	83
32	BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY		8	2	1	
33	BRUNEI	28	20	8	1	26
34	BULGARIA	234	224	53	133	139
35	BURKINA FASO	1	2	0	0	4
36	BURUNDI		1	0	0	
37	CAMBODIA	228	133	54	42	116

38	CAMEROON	28	35	8	28	144
39	CANADA	102720	1,32,620	43,624	1,02,688	1,85,955
40	CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	6	14	4	10	18
41	CAYMAN ISLANDS	2	2	0	3	3
42	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	
43	CHAD	50	27	0	1	6
44	CHILE	77	61	6	10	52
45	CHINA	20619	19170	398	3	1967
46	CHRISTMAS ISLANDS	2	2	0	0	3
47	COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	1
48	COG(CONGO)	4	6	2	2	5
49	COLOMBIA	16	19	0	4	20
50	COMOROS	0	2	0	0	
51	CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	1	0	0	0	2
52	COSTA RICA	9	7	3	14	9
53	CUBA	2	2	1	0	
54	CYPRUS	2324	3,528	1511	162	726
55	CZECH	518	651	314	512	673
56	DENMARK	521	520	253	341	488
57	DJIBOUTI	2	1	4	0	1
58	DOMINICA	7	4	0	0	1
59	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	8	1	2	0	1
60	EAST TIMOR (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	8	7	4	2	17
61	ECUADOR	11	5	2	0	7
62	EGYPT	413	440	188	519	424
63	EL SALVADOR	1	5	0	0	2
64	ERITREA	1	3	0	5	4
65	ESTONIA	106	129	50	94	54
66	ETHIOPIA	12	11	4	38	14
67	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINES)	15	3	0	3	11
68	FAROE ISLANDS		1	1	0	
69	FIJI	9	18	6	3	2

70	FINLAND	182	243	80	133	234
71	FRANCE	7023	8,495	4,333	5,293	6,406
72	FRANCE METROPOLITAN	3	1	1	2	2
73	FRENCH GUIANA	0	1	0	0	1
74	FRENCH POLYNESIA	0	0	0	0	2
75	GABON	35	28	6	3	16
76	GAMBIA	3	0	0	2	4
77	GEORGIA	4804	4,148	1,724	2,599	5269
78	GERMANY	14299	18,034	9,865	16,259	20,684
79	GHANA	19	18	4	14	18
80	GIBRALTAR	8	5	4	4	7
81	GREECE	168	203	87	62	207
82	GREENLAND	1	1	0	1	
83	GRENADA	15	27	7	16	17
84	GUADELOUPE	0	1	2	0	1
85	GUATEMALA	1	0	0	0	2
86	GUINEA	11	7	8	3	10
87	GUINEA BISSAU		0	0	0	1
88	GUYANA	183	200	10	104	145
89	HAITI	12	7	5	3	25
90	HEARD AND MCDONALD ISLANDS	3	3	1	0	4
91	HONDURAS	7	1	2	0	3
92	HONG KONG	1465	1,646	563	198	708
93	HUNGARY	513	440	243	304	389
94	ICELAND	67	61	16	23	47
95	INDONESIA	302	273	77	11	170
96	IRAN	1016	737	186	600	1063
97	IRAQ	100	78	17	65	79
98	IRELAND	5089	6,671	3,272	4,869	6,211
99	ISLE OF MAN					5
100	ISRAEL	1092	1,268	460	639	1061
101	ITALY	4482	4,791	3,211	3,008	3507
102	IVORY COST	5	4	1	2	2
103	JAMAICA	81	112	55	112	109
104	JAPAN	1856	1761	552	193	1423
105	JERSEY		1	0	0	9
106	JORDAN	26	32	2	11	37
107	KAZAKHSTAN	4596	6,080	937	5,625	8,895
108	KENYA	309	312	40	155	250
109	KIRIBATI	4	2	0	2	5
110	KOREA(DPR)	19	15	9	7	29
111	KOREA(REPUBLI C OF)	1194	1180	526	631	1005

112	KUWAIT	487	421	33	24	124
113	KYRGHYZSTAN	12199	12,942	865	15,162	14,728
114	LAOS	8	4	2	3	5
115	LATVIA	1335	1,464	539	537	750
116	LEBANON	16	13	2	4	6
117	LESOTHO	0	2	0	1	
118	LIBERIA	4	3	2	3	1
119	LIBYA	1	0	0	1	
120	LIECHTENSTEIN	2	3	1	1	1
121	LITHUANIA	379	398	227	355	324
122	LUXEMBOURG	36	48	21	53	46
123	MACAU	37	34	4	3	17
124	MACEDONIA	5	3	0	0	1
125	MADAGASCAR	3	1	0	0	1
126	MALAWI	29	21	4	7	27
127	MALAYSIA	3668	4090	1,121	567	2453
128	MALDIVES	92	132	59	384	174
129	MALI	3	2	1	1	3
130	MALTA	299	540	250	222	599
131	MARSHALL ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	
132	MARTINIQUE	0	0	0	0	1
133	MAURITANIA	27	28	9	11	27
134	MAURITIUS	1168	1590	956	827	1503
135	MAYOTTE		1	0	1	
136	MEXICO	66	50	13	1,068	49
137	MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	1	0	1	0	
138	MOLDOVA	259	385	155	318	974
139	MONACO		0	0	1	5
140	MONGOLIA	5	2	1	1	4
141	MONTENEGRO	2	5	3	6	4
142	MOROCCO	12	19	21	3	5
143	MOZAMBIQUE	3	8	1	0	16
144	MYANMAR	29	43	13	6	22
145	NAMIBIA	56	40	7	10	100
146	NAURU	1	4	1	1	18
147	NEPAL	1074	909	221	379	444
148	NETHERLANDS	2352	2593	1,335	2,006	1901
149	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	59	73	18	20	15
150	NEUTRAL ZONE	1	2	1	2	
151	NEW CALEDONIA	74	71	19	0	11
152	NEW ZEALAND	9502	10297	5,321	64	1605
153	NICARAGUA	4	4	2	0	

154	NIGER	4	0	1	1	1
155	NIGERIA	32	28	8	15	25
156	NIUE ISLAND	3	2	0	0	
157	NORFOLK ISLAND	3	1	1	1	3
158	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	1	1	0	0	2
159	NORWAY	215	277	125	188	195
160	OMAN	687	459	97	92	151
161	PAKISTAN	526	670	505	66	396
162	PALAU	2	0	0	0	
163	PALESTINIAN	2	2	0	0	
164	PANAMA	15	16	9	36	61
165	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	5	5	3	0	4
166	PARAGUAY	7	4	2	2	6
167	PERU	12	6	3	1	7
168	PHILLIPPINES	12550	13479	4,601	251	11261
169	PITCAIRN	7	1	2	0	3
170	POLAND	2788	2007	616	1,046	1443
171	PORTUGAL	177	190	79	155	163
172	PUERTO RICO	2	1	1	0	3
173	QATAR	651	427	100	325	275
174	REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAIWAN	903	1012	302	336	465
175	REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	11	21	14	36	77
176	REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	32	30	6	12	53
177	RESIDENT OF KOSOVO (UNMIK)	1	1	0	1	
178	REUNION ISLANDS	5	6	5	2	7
179	ROMANIA	48	49	24	52	78
180	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	14857	16545	1387	15,814	19784
181	RWANDA	5	12	4	4	4
182	SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS	30	22	10	6	42
183	SAINT HELENA	17	17	4	0	
184	SAINT LUCIA	101	104	39	39	46
185	SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON	2	1	1	0	
186	SAINT VINCENT AND THE	15	25	8	9	7

	GRENADINES					
187	SAMOA	5	0	0	0	
188	SAN MARINO	1	2	0	2	9
189	SAO TOME AND PRINCIP	0	0	0	0	1
190	SAUDI ARABIA	875	623	136	135	774
191	SENEGAL	5	10	2	4	7
192	SERBIA	29	33	12	330	132
193	SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	1	0	0	0	
194	SEYCHELLES	48	54	7	4	18
195	SIERRA LEONE	28	16	2	1	19
196	SINGAPORE	13838	15,419	4860	2,264	17085
197	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	143	171	48	85	93
198	SOLOMON ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	1
199	SOMALIA	2	0	1	0	
200	SOUTH AFRICA	548	609	348	396	621
201	SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	3	0	0	0	
202	SOUTH SUDAN	0	2	0	0	1
203	SPAIN	1318	1,624	840	1,253	1384
204	SRI LANKA	459	429	107	64	179
205	SUDAN	19	12	4	6	5
206	SURINAME	4	3	0	1	
207	SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	
208	SWAZILAND	235	145	75	81	153
209	SWEDEN	1020	1,059	664	806	639
210	SWITZERLAND	1096	1,184	566	754	870
211	SYRIA	7	2	1	1	2
212	TANZANIA	75	90	58	107	217
213	TAZIKISTAN	1153	1,187	1,248	1,100	1112
214	THAILAND	1318	1,475	303	85	655
215	TOGO	6	5	2	5	7
216	TOKELAU	1	0	0	0	
217	TONGA	1	1	0	0	
218	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	5	4	0	1	4
219	TUNISIA	9	5	4	25	9
220	TURKEY	260	333	65	212	300
221	TURKMENISTAN	1	8	1	1	

222	TURKS AND CAICOS ISL		1	0	1	
223	TUVALU	1	1	0	0	2
224	UGANDA	837	801	206	301	546
225	UKRAINE	13140	13,911	6,723	18,596	2199
226	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	13405	9,341	2925	3,427	5892
227	UNITED KINGDOM	25042	36,612	44,901	77,855	132709
228	UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	36	28	11	21	
229	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	120759	1,22,535	62,415	1,25,115	190512
230	URAGUAY	11	20	10	23	49
231	UZBEKISTAN	105	300	102	503	3430
232	VANUATU	23	8	6	13	57
233	VATICAN CITY - HOLY SEE	2	0	0	0	
234	VENEZUELA	3	1	1	1	3
235	VIETNAM	137	146	29	5	155
236	VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)	1	3	0	0	1
237	VIRGIN ISLANDS (US)	1	0	0	0	
238	WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS	6	4	0	1	5
239	ZAMBIA	29	29	23	46	133
240	ZIMBABWE	0	1	0	2	3

Annexure- B

Nationality wise and Year Wise Arrivals for Foreigners on Student Visa from 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2022						
Sl. No.	COUNTRY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	AFGHANISTAN	8777	8708	3029	3431	25
2	ALBANIA	4	8	2	4	4
3	ALGERIA	54	31	8	4	29
4	ANGOLA	193	112	20	81	62
5	ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS	-	1	11	-	1
6	ARGENTINA	53	46	31	7	28
7	ARMENIA	70	69	13	11	49
8	ARUBA					1
9	AUSTRALIA	395	583	263	9	197
10	AUSTRIA	48	66	12	16	50
11	AZERBAIJAN	27	21	13	2	16
12	BAHAMAS	7	3	-	-	1
13	BAHRAIN	371	186	66	6	31
14	BANGLADESH	10838	12230	3911	4148	9265
15	BARBADOS	5	1	1	-	1
16	BELARUS	33	32	1	2	16
17	BELGIUM	119	146	61	10	62
18	BELIZE	9	8	2	4	2
19	BENIN	51	89	23	24	36
20	BOLIVIA	9	12	1	3	10
21	BOSNIA	6	9	-	2	1
22	BOTSWANA	178	232	37	69	136
23	BRAZIL	237	234	67	38	99
24	BRUNEI	4	6	1	-	7
25	BULGARIA	41	48	15	3	20
26	BURKINA FASO	44	47	10	16	43
27	BURUNDI	115	108	18	35	41
28	CAMBODIA	188	171	37	29	87
29	CAMEROON	150	147	35	115	225
30	CANADA	380	349	69	71	146
31	CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	8	17	-	2	1
32	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	1	12	-	-	-
33	CHAD	57	63	16	53	64
34	CHILE	48	39	19	5	17
35	CHINA	758	759	63	20	56
36	COG(CONGO)	18	46	14	11	17
37	COLOMBIA	98	179	30	18	36
38	COMOROS	42	53	16	24	51
39	CONGO (DEMOCRATIC	280	188	83	98	124

	REPUBLIC OF)					
40	COSTA RICA	18	10	10	3	3
41	CUBA	-	-	3	-	5
42	CYPRUS	16	2	2	1	3
43	CZECH	50	23	8	14	42
44	DENMARK	46	44	38	24	75
45	DJIBOUTI	103	86	11	54	58
46	DOMINICA	3	11	1	-	6
47	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC				1	25
48	EAST TIMOR (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	7	13	1	-	5
49	ECUADOR	33	46	45	2	9
50	EGYPT	364	592	115	65	230
51	EL SALVADOR	24	17	8	2	3
52	EQUITORIAL GUINEA	33	3	1	10	15
53	ERITREA	148	75	26	14	54
54	ESTONIA	11	16	5	23	5
55	ETHIOPIA	798	1270	275	533	727
56	FIJI	136	149	29	7	35
57	FINLAND	44	43	16	8	29
58	FRANCE	1629	1530	438	273	1092
59	GABON	13	14	4	3	2
60	GAMBIA	68	144	16	123	115
61	GEORGIA	22	13	3	-	10
62	GERMANY	1419	1551	380	136	510
63	GHANA	420	476	79	249	305
64	GREECE	9	20	5	3	7
65	GRENADA	5	8	1	-	-
66	GUATEMALA	30	54	15	-	7
67	GUINEA	95	62	31	19	24
68	GUINEA BISSAU	53	36	-	4	4
69	GUYANA	12	7	18	14	81
70	HAITI	-	-	1	-	1
71	HONDURAS	25	39	15	1	5
72	HONG KONG	2	1	2	-	-
73	HUNGURY	47	42	11	5	9
74	ICELAND	-	6	-	-	-
75	INDONESIA	362	412	86	101	186
76	IRAN	2145	1430	327	508	786
77	IRAQ	1323	966	268	335	485
78	IRELAND	27	31	12	8	9
79	ISRAEL	72	60	13	12	29
80	ITALY	283	311	61	42	163
81	IVORY COST	275	220	68	132	179
82	JAMAICA	19	26	14	-	9
83	JAPAN	425	419	101	33	115

84	JORDAN	135	119	39	46	105
85	KAZAKHSTAN	222	217	67	34	87
86	KENYA	708	700	176	289	378
87	KIRIBATI	16	5	2		
88	KOREA(REPUBLIC OF)	2196	2184	491	349	657
89	KUWAIT	5	6	1		
90	KYRGHYZSTAN	92	71	52	10	19
91	LAOS	144	71	13	6	26
92	LATVIA	18	14	2	7	7
93	LEBANON	61	84	13	16	40
94	LESOTHO	154	152	22	148	284
95	LIBERIA	192	154	56	329	524
96	LIBYA	38	35	17	15	78
97	LITHUANIA	33	34	12	16	20
98	LUXEMBOURG	5	4	7		1
99	MACEDONIA	4	1	1	2	4
100	MADAGASCAR	194	145	45	48	84
101	MALAWI	291	416	101	301	394
102	MALAYSIA	4393	3488	590	702	776
103	MALDIVES	720	960	381	507	579
104	MALI	91	107	29	67	107
105	MALTA	1	2	1		
106	MARSHALL ISLANDS	2				
107	MAURITANIA	12	10			2
108	MAURITIUS	727	663	135	106	416
109	MEXICO	138	155	48	21	76
110	MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	4				
111	MOLDOVA	16	8	1	1	
112	MONACO	1				2
113	MONGOLIA	486	392	147	91	468
114	MONTENEGRO	3	4	3		1
115	MOROCCO	82	164	55	16	57
116	MOZAMBIQUE	408	286	69	166	233
117	MYANMAR	875	1052	328	459	941
118	NAMIBIA	206	164	48	105	139
119	NAURU	3	6	4		
120	NEPAL	3	3			
121	NETHERLANDS	114	143	51	17	77
122	NEW ZEALAND	107	101	24	10	21
123	NICARAGUA	2	7	2		11
124	NIGER	198	132	29	19	64
125	NIGERIA	1461	1742	458	1688	2122
126	NORWAY	146	150	108	41	69
127	OMAN	317	274	87	29	70
128	PAKISTAN	10	3	2	1	2

129	PALAU	2				
130	PALESTINIAN	216	256	45	44	57
131	PANAMA	15	13	6	3	9
132	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	34	28	11	6	15
133	PARAGUAY	2	10	6	1	1
134	PERSON OF UNSPECIFIED NANATIONLITY					1
135	PERU	61	64	24	1	23
136	PHILLIPPINES	123	96	37	5	81
137	POLAND	90	87	21	12	48
138	PORTUGAL	87	46	15	8	28
139	QATAR	8	3			
140	REFUGEE	5	4	1		
141	REFUFEE (NON- CONVENTATIONAL) OT HER THAN XXB	4	2	1		
142	TAIWAN	121	121	28	19	58
143	REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	7	20	8	4	13
144	REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	6	4		9	16
145	ROMANIA	35	47	5	21	27
146	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	514	505	148	172	212
147	RWANDA	187	161	59	176	167
148	SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS			5		5
149	SAINT HELENA	1				
150	SAINT LUCIA	8				
151	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	1	2	1		
152	SAMOA	16	14	1		
153	SAO TOME AND PRINCIP	6	8	1		
154	SAUDI ARABIA	176	173	25	19	58
155	SENEGAL	48	63	13	24	44
156	SERBIA	40	34	12	4	9
157	SEYCHELLES	104	123	44	22	51
158	SIERRA LEONE	58	49	18	57	65
159	SINGAPORE	77	76	8	13	34
160	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	15	27	6	5	16
161	SOLOMON ISLANDS	4	3			
162	SOMALIA	614	466	147	165	225
163	SOUTH AFRICA	192	201	41	52	123

164	SOUTH SUDAN	342	576	129	293	711
165	SPAIN	209	224	76	67	167
166	SRI LANKA	2609	4334	1125	1948	2120
167	STATELESS	1	2			
168	SUDAN	2986	2733	662	1186	1641
169	SURINAME	40	41	7		6
170	SWAZILAND	102	73	29	69	96
171	SWEDEN	108	123	42	12	93
172	SWITZERLAND	181	159	51	48	84
173	SYRIA	373	830	109	479	406
174	TANZANIA	1818	2061	538	1505	1862
175	TAZIKISTAN	212	258	94	109	195
176	THAILAND	3096	3033	841	159	491
177	TIBETIAN ORIGIN	1				
178	TOGO	86	49	18	21	48
179	TONGA	16	8	7	1	4
180	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	84	134	42	3	17
181	TUNISIA	178	127	73	7	49
182	TURKEY	103	95	27	18	84
183	TURKMENISTAN	282	394	46	12	46
184	TUVALU	3	3			1
185	UGANDA	585	482	90	274	263
186	UK BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN	4	5	2		1
187	UK BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEASES)			1	1	
188	UKRAINE	82	86	13	32	20
189	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	55	68	12	19	47
190	UNITED KINGDOM	405	468	121	89	303
191	UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION	1		1		
192	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1790	1512	426	214	1079
193	URAGUAY	13	11	5	1	3
194	UZBEKISTAN	209	202	58	40	171
195	VANUATU	2	2			
196	VENEZUELA	47	43	11	5	7
197	VIETNAM	612	642	190	151	393
198	YEMEN	2138	2181	384	602	1230
199	ZAMBIA	586	670	126	313	321
200	ZIMBABWE	678	603	193	613	1425
