

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-67**  
ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2023

**INDIANS STRANDED ABROAD**

67. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY

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

(a) whether government is aware that there are thousands of stranded Indian men and women in various countries who have contacted respective Indian Embassies to come back to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry keeps data of such requests in various embassies for requests pertaining to sending them back to India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise, month-wise, Indian domicile state-wise, including the State of Punjab?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) A large number of Indians got stranded in the past due to COVID-19 pandemic and internal conflicts /wars. About 1.60 crore Indians were repatriated to India by the Government through Vande Bharat Mission including air bubble agreements, 18,278 under 'Operation Ganga' from Ukraine, 669 from Afghanistan under 'Operation Devi Shakti' and 3961 Indians were evacuated from Sudan under 'Operation Kaveri'.

(c & d) Data of requests from stranded Indian nationals for repatriation to India is maintained by respective Missions and Posts. Whenever a request is received, concerned Indian Mission/ Post takes prompt action for facilitation of repatriation of the stranded Indian nationals to India. Respective Missions and Posts provide all possible assistance like emergency medical care and boarding & lodging on means tested basis to the stranded Indians promptly. Government also bears the expenditure air tickets for repatriation of Indian nationals to India on means tested basis. State wise data including Punjab for repatriation of Indian nationals stranded abroad due to COVID-19 pandemic is given in attached Annexure I.

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**Annexure -I**

Details of Indian Nationals who have travelled to India from Abroad under the Vande Bharat Mission during the period 2020 to 2022.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>No. of Indians Repatriated</b>
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13
2.	Andhra Pradesh	118897
3.	Assam	349
4.	Bihar	12525
5.	Chandigarh	17571
6.	Delhi	4653599
7.	Goa	75403
8.	Gujarat	411018
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4587
10.	Karnataka	967669
11.	Kerala	3732727
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3797
13.	Maharashtra	1952571
14.	Manipur	19
15.	Odisha	5425
16.	Punjab	242611
17.	Rajasthan	168896
18.	Tamil Nadu	1588072
19.	Telangana	1045397
20.	Uttar Pradesh	687428
21.	West Bengal	252541
	Total	15941115

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