

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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SAFETY OF INDIAN STUDENTS ABROAD

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

- (a) the country-wise distribution of Indian students studying in higher education institutes who have died abroad from 2018 onwards;
- (b) the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether Government has implemented any measures to ensure the safety and well-being of Indian students studying abroad;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) As per the information available with the Ministry, 403 incidents of death of Indian students abroad have been reported since 2018 due to various reasons including natural causes, accidents and medical conditions. Country-wise details of death of Indian students abroad is placed at Annexure- 'A'.

(c to e) The safety and security of Indian students abroad is one of the foremost priorities for the Government of India. Heads of Mission/Post and senior officials visit Universities and educational institutions for regular interactions with Indian students and student associations. Our Missions and Posts remain vigilant and closely monitor the well being of students. In case there is any untoward incident, it is immediately taken up with the concerned authorities of the host country to ensure that the incident is properly investigated and the perpetrators are punished. Further, the distressed Indian students are provided all possible consular assistance, including emergency medical care and boarding/lodging, whenever required.

Country Wise Details of Death of Indian Students Abroad since 2018		
Sl. No	Country	No. of incidents
1	Australia	35
2	Bangladesh	4
3	Belgium	1
4	Bulgaria	1
5	Canada	91
6	China	9
7	Cyprus	14
8	Czech Republic	3
9	Egypt	3
10	Finland	4
11	France	4
12	Germany	20
13	Guyana	1
14	Italy	10
15	Kazakhstan	5
16	Kenya	1
17	Korea (ROK)	3
18	Kyrgyzstan	9
19	Malta	1
20	Norway	1
21	Pakistan	1
22	Philippines	10
23	Qatar	9
24	Romania	2

25	Russia	40
26	South Africa	1
27	Spain	3
28	Suriname	3
29	Sweden & Latvia	2
30	Switzerland	1
31	Taiwan	6
32	Ukraine	21
33	U.K.	48
34	USA	36
	Total	403
