

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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INDIAN STUDENTS PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION ABROAD

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indian students who went abroad to pursue higher education;
- (b) the total number of students who came to India from foreign nations to pursue higher education in the country;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure safety of Indian students studying abroad; and
- (d) the number of attacks encountered by Indian students abroad in the last five years, country-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- a) The Bureau of Immigration maintains the data of students who leave India for educational purposes as they exit India through the airports/land ports. As per the information received from Bureau of Immigration, the number of students who disclosed their purpose of visit as Study/Education while going abroad in last three years is as under:-

Year	2022	2023	2024
Number of Students	7,52,111	8,94,783	7,60,073

- b) The Bureau of Immigration maintains the number of Foreigners who arrive in India on “Student Visa”. Such data for the last three years is as follows:

Year	2022	2023	2024
Number of Foreign Nationals entering India with Student Visa	39,202	49,437	56,538

- c) Providing safety and security to Indian students abroad is a priority of the Government of India. Indian Missions/Posts abroad maintain regular contacts with the Indian students enrolled in Universities abroad. New Indian students, enrolled in foreign Universities, are invited where possible to participate in Welcome Ceremonies organised by Indian Missions/Posts abroad. Indian Missions/Posts also organise Orientation Programmes and brief them on challenges and threats, if any, that they may confront during their stay in the foreign land and how to take counter active measures. Heads of Indian Missions/Posts and other senior Embassy officials also visit Foreign

Universities and Educational Institutions in their respective countries of accreditation to interact with Indian students and Indian Students' Associations.

Indian Missions/Posts abroad encourage Indian students travelling abroad for higher studies to register with them as also on the MADAD Portal so that their grievances and outstanding issues can be addressed. Indian Missions/Posts abroad also urge Indian students to remain connected on a regular basis and make all possible efforts to respond to the outstanding issues faced by them on priority. The grievances of the students are responded timely through telephone calls, walk-ins, emails, social media, 24x7 emergency helplines, Open Houses and the MADAD Portal.

Complaints received from the Indian students abroad are taken up with the concerned University/Institution and the host Government, as the case may be, for requisite action. Cases of untoward incidents are also immediately taken up by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad with the concerned authorities of the host country to ensure that they are properly investigated and the perpetrators are punished. During emergencies or crisis situations, Indian Missions/Posts abroad pro-actively help distressed/stranded Indian students overseas by providing them food, shelter, medicines and ensure their return/evacuation to India as soon as possible.

d) The number of attacks encountered by Indian students abroad in the last five years, country-wise is attached at Annexure 'A'.

Annexure- A

Sl. No.	Name of Country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
		Violent attacks against Indian Students	Violent attacks against Indian Students	Violent attacks against Indian Students	Violent attacks against Indian Students	Violent attacks against Indian Students
1	Australia	0	0	1	2	1
2	USA	0	0	1	4	4
3	UK	0	0	1	7	4
4	Italy	0	0	0	0	3
5	Russia	1	0	0	12	2
6	Canada	2	0	1	1	9
7	Ireland	0	2	0	1	3
8	Iran	0	0	0	1	0
9	Germany	0	0	0	0	11
10	Philippines	0	0	0	0	3
Total		3	2	4	28	40
