

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-555**  
ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2025

**INDIAN NATIONALS STUCK IN RUSSIA**

555. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH

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

- (a) the details of Indians stuck in the Russian army who have not been able to reach their families yet, and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps Government is taking to provide assistance to these Indian nationals stuck in Russia, and how are they being supported in terms of safety, travel arrangements, and legal issues; and
- (c) the major challenges faced by Government in facilitating the return of these nationals, and the actions being taken to overcome them?

**ANSWER**

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

(a to c) As per information available, there were 127 Indian nationals in the Russian armed forces, out of which the services of 98 individuals were discontinued as a result of sustained engagement between the Indian and Russian Governments on this matter, including at the highest levels. 13 Indian nationals remain in the Russian armed forces, out of which 12 individuals have been reported missing by the Russian side.

The Russian authorities concerned have been urged to provide an update on all the remaining/missing individuals, and also ensure their safety, well-being and early discharge. For those Indian nationals in the Russian armed forces whose services have been discontinued, the Indian Mission/Posts in Russia assisted them in their return to India, including through facilitation of travel documents and providing air tickets, wherever required.

Our Missions and Posts accord highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of all Indian nationals abroad and take appropriate action, as and when any request for assistance is received.

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