GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-560**

ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2025

INDIANS STRANDED DUE TO IRAN-ISRAEL WAR

560 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

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

- (a) the current data with Government regarding the number of Indians, including students, travellers and workers residing in Iran-Israel;
- (b) the details of Indian who were killed during the recent Iran-Israel war;
- (c) the efforts made by Government to deal with the war like situation between the two countries; and
- (d) the State-wise number of Indians, including those from Rajasthan, who were brought back to the country by Government during the recent war?

ANSWER

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

- (a) At present, approximately 40,100 Indians are residing in Israel, including students, caregivers, construction and agricultural workers, business persons/experts, etc. In Iran, prior to the recent conflict, approximately 10,000 Indians were residing, including students, workers, seafarers and fishermen, pilgrims and travellers, of which 3597 Indian nationals were evacuated under Operation Sindhu.
- (b) As per available information, no Indian casualties have been reported in Iran or Israel during the recent conflict.
- (c) In light of the emergency situation and in order to prioritise the safety, security, and wellbeing of Indian nationals in Iran and Israel, Government of India launched Operation Sindhu on 18 June 2025 to evacuate stranded Indian nationals. Government set up a 24x7 Control Room at MEA Headquarters on 17 June 2025 to provide assistance to stranded Indian nationals and their families in India. Control Rooms were also set up by our Embassies in Iran and Israel to monitor the situation and provide information and assistance to Indian nationals. Information was disseminated through the social media handles of the Embassies and the Ministry of External Affairs.

Indian Embassies in Armenia, Turkmenistan, Egypt and Jordan set up teams to facilitate evacuation of Indian nationals through land border crossings of these countries and help them embark the scheduled evacuation flights. Government facilitated logistics support, including safe shelter, food, internal transportation, special evacuation charter/IAF flights, etc. for the stranded Indian nationals. Government remained in constant touch with its counterparts in these countries to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals during the entire evacuation process. Government's further actions will be guided by the evolving situation in these countries. Indian nationals have been advised to carefully consider ongoing developments before undertaking non-essential travel and follow the advisories issued by the Indian authorities from time to time.

(d) The Government of India evacuated 4415 Indian nationals from Iran and Israel under Operation Sindhu. 3597 Indian nationals were evacuated from Iran and 818 Indian nationals were evacuated from Israel. The state-wise lists of evacuated Indian nationals are placed below.

List of evacuated Indian Nationals from Iran under Operation Sindhu

State/UT	Number of Citizens
Andhra Pradesh	26
Bihar	50
Chhattisgarh	2
Delhi	114
Gujarat	56
Haryana	8
Jammu & Kashmir	1521
Jharkhand	3
Karnataka	135
Kerala	21
Ladakh	223
Madhya Pradesh	15
Maharashtra	89
Odisha	1
Punjab	10
Rajasthan	6
Tamil Nadu	71
Telangana	31
Uttar Pradesh	1198
Uttarakhand	4
West Bengal	13
TOTAL	3597

<u>List of evacuated Indian Nationals from Israel under Operation Sindhu</u>

State / UT	No. of Citizens
Andhra Pradesh	50
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	3
Bihar	30
Chandigarh	1
Chhattisgarh	2
Delhi	39
Goa	2
Gujarat	32
Haryana	21
Himachal Pradesh	7
Jammu & Kashmir	6
Jharkhand	9
Karnataka	32
Kerala	62
Madhya Pradesh	4
Maharashtra	93
Manipur	2
Odisha	16
Puducherry	5
Punjab	8
Rajasthan	25
Sikkim	2
Tamil Nadu	74
Telangana	37
Uttar Pradesh	92
Uttarakhand	12
West Bengal	151
TOTAL	818
