

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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UTILIZATION OF INDIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND

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

- (a) the details of Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) disbursements made for mass-casualty or emergency events since January 2022, mission-wise;
- (b) the details of the criteria adopted for releasing the funds, the average time taken for relief, and whether post-event audits were conducted; and
- (c) whether ICWF or Public Diplomacy funds have been utilized to finance events projected as community-led initiatives by Indian Missions during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The requisite Mission-wise details are given in Annexure-A.
- (b) Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) funds can be utilized to assist Indian citizens residing in a foreign country or those in distress while visiting a foreign country. The fund is used for giving assistance to deserving Indians on a means-tested basis. ICWF guidelines provide for various kinds of assistance in emergency situations to distressed Indian nationals abroad as per the following details:
 - (i) Medical assistance in emergency cases - Emergency medical care may be provided to overseas Indians who suffer serious, life-threatening injuries, critical medical conditions, or severe disabilities when the employer, sponsor, or insurance company is unwilling to cover the expenses, and when the individual's family is unable to afford or reimburse the costs after a means-tested assessment.
 - (ii) Air passage to stranded Indians - Mission/Post can pay for one-way airfare by cheapest class, on a means tested basis, for deserving distressed Indian nationals, from the country of departure of overseas Indian to the nearest airport/ first port of arrival in India.
 - (iii) Transportation of Mortal remains - The ICWF guidelines have provisions for transporting the mortal remains of a deceased Indian national to India—or for local cremation or burial—when neither the employer, sponsor, nor insurance company fulfills this responsibility and the family cannot bear the cost. It also permits arranging air travel for a doctor or attendant when required by local authorities to accompany the mortal remains, or to accompany a primary beneficiary who is permanently disabled or

seriously ill, based on medical recommendation; in such cases, round-trip airfare may be provided for the accompanying medical professional or attendant.

The accounts of ICWF maintained at various Missions are audited by the Internal Audit Wing of the Ministry and are also be subject to Statutory Audit.

(c) ICWF guidelines also provide for organizing various cultural programs for the Indian community in the foreign country. The Indian Mission/Post abroad can utilize ICWF to support recognized Indian diaspora organizations in hosting Indian cultural programs during major festivals and national days, as well as events featuring local or India-based artists. Funds may also be used to provide honorarium for teachers of Indian languages and art forms, with students paying a nominal fee to cover venue and administrative costs. Additionally, Missions/Posts may organize an annual gathering for Indian students at educational institutions to address issues related to visas, residency, work permits, finances, and general welfare. Mission wise details of the ICWF expenditure in this regard in the last five years is given in Annexure A.

ANNEXURE-A

SL. No.	Indian Missions/Posts	(a) Details of ICWF disbursements made for mass-casualty or emergency events since January 2022 in INR	(c) Details of ICWF or Public Diplomacy funds that have been used for community-centric initiatives by Indian Missions in the last 5 years in INR
1	Abidjan	emergency assistance 2023 – 27,811 2024 – 478,666	2024 – 708125
2	Abu Dhabi	NIL	NIL
3	Abuja	NIL	NIL
4	Accra	2022 : Rs. 2,28,806.00 2023 : Rs. 1,15,265.00 2024 : Rs. 7,74,756.00 2025 : NIL	NIL
5	Addis Ababa	NIL	NA
6	Algiers	2022 - 2025 : 192730	2022 - 2025 : Rs. 379165-
7	Amman	Nil	No
8	Ankara	2023 – 3,88,852	2025 – 6,35,465
9	Ashgabat	Nil	2024 – 7,25,888
10	Asmara	2021 – 10,127	Nil
11	Atlanta	NIL	Nil
12	Baghdad	Nil	NIL
13	Bahrain	NIL	2022 – 37,950 2023 – 43,880 2024 – 70,445
14	Baku	Nil	No
15	Bali	Nil	2024 - 75,358
16	Bamako	Nil	No
17	Bandar Abbas	Nil	No
18	Bangkok	13,43,400/-	NIL
19	Beijing	Nil	2025 – 9,06,278.16 (till July)
20	Beirut	Nil	NA
21	Belgrade	NIL	NIL
22	Berlin	Nil	No
23	Berne	NIL.	2022 : Rs. 1,26,050/- 2023 : Rs. 99,364/- 2024 : Rs. 1,03,196/-

			2025 : Rs.1,19,966 /-
24	Birgunj	2023 – 1,57,488	Nil
25	Bishkek	Nil	2025 -23,846
26	Bogota	2023: Rs. 5,54,988 2025: Rs. 13,770	2024 – 1,27,200
27	Brasilia	Nil	Nil
28	Bratislava	2022 – 93,14,419	2023 – 1,06,860 2024 – 4,04,740 2025 – 4,96,859
29	Brazzaville	Nil	NA
30	Brisbane	Nil	Nil
31	Brussels	2022 – 4,51,189 2024 – 4,46,599 2025 – 4,32,707	2020- 62,311 2021- Nil 2022- 7,15,050 2023- 6,12,900 2024- 9,19,350 2025 – 8,65,721
32	Bucharest	2022 - 22,57,089.36.	NIL
33	Budapest	2022 - 1464175 2023 - 390967 2024 - 0 2025 – 335400	NA
34	Buenos Aires	Nil	NIL
35	Cairo	Nil	Nil
36	Canberra	Nil	2022 – 3,46,473 2023 – 4,23,527 2024 – 6,92,719 2025 – 7,76,731
37	Cape Town	Nil	No
38	Caracas	NIL	NIL
39	CGI Osaka Kobe	Nil	2025 – 60,558
40	CGI,Erbil	Nil	Nil
41	Chiangmai	9,22,158/-	Nil.
42	Chicago	NIL	2021 – 1,04,460 2022 – 5,65,825 2023 – 3,06,250 2024 – 6,56,250 2025 – 5,65,825
43	Chittagong	2024 – 75,602	No
44	Colombo	2022- Nil	2020 – 132,451 2021- Nil

		2023 -Nil 2024-Nil 2025- NA	2022-Nil 2023 - 92,168 2024 – 5,50,157 2025 - 443250
45	Conakry	NIL	NIL
46	Copenhegan	Nil	No
47	Dakar	NIL	NIL
48	Damascus	2024 - 203335/- 2025 - 46109/-	Nil
49	Dar es Salaam,	Nil	Nil
50	Darussalam	Nil	Nil
51	Dhaka	2024 – 1,28,117 2023 – 4,39,066	Nil
52	Djibouti	2024 – 74,246	No
53	Doha	2022 - 48,60,631.3 2023 - 64,77,976.55/- 2024 - 1,07,20,163.15/- 2025 – 77,81,750.99/-	2021 - NA 2022 - NA 2023 - NA 2024 – 514567.9 2025 – 1309405.59
54	Dubai	NA	2021 - Rs.215205 2022 - Rs.71633 2023 - Rs.576680 2024 – Rs.77,32,510 2025 – 5,62,988
55	Dublin	NIL	NIL
56	Durban	Nil	Nil
57	Dushanbe	NIL	NIL
58	Edinburgh	2022 – 98,385 2023 – 4,10,766 2024 – 1,05,530 2025 – 83,533	No
59	Frankfurt	NIL	NIL
60	Freetown	NIL	No
61	Gaborone	Nil	2021: Nil 2022: Rs. 1,60,565/- 2023: Rs. 63,171/- 2024: 3,45,955/- 2025: 3,59,701/- (till date)
62	Geneva	Nil	2020-Nil 2021- 11,36,000 2022 – 11,36,000 2023 – 9,79,590 2024- 10,27,164

63	Georgetown	Nil	2025 – 59,044
64	Guangzhou	NIL	Nil
65	Guatemala	NIL	NIL
66	Hambantota	Nil	2023 – 40,136 2024 – 1,14,728 2025 – 95,219
67	Hamburg	2022 - INR 462,718 2023 - INR 469,469 2024 - INR 585,496 2025 - INR 917,834	NA
68	Hanoi	NIL	No
69	Harare	2022: Nil 2023: 471,241.68/- 2024: Nil 2025: 254,569/-	No
70	Havana	NIL	NIL
71	Helsinki	NIL	NIL
72	Ho Chi Minh City	NA	2021- 10,57,699 2022 – 12,04,329 2023 – 7,31,240 2024 – 995485 2025 – 350124
73	Hong Kong	2022 – 5,319	Nil
74	Houston	2024 – 87,430	2023 - 42,010 2024 – 5,05,640 2025 – 7,47,230
75	India – Taipei Association	Nil	2025 – 3,46,600
76	Islamabad	Nil	No
77	Istanbul	NIL	2021 – 88,106 2022 – 22,153 2023 – 1,17,511 2024 – 8,74,541 2025 – 5,46,159
78	Jaffna	NIL	NIL
79	Jakarta	2022 – 38,403 2023 – 1,52,479 2025 – 18,171	2024 – 7,93,008
80	Jeddah	NIL	NA
81	Juba	NIL	2024 – 77,013
82	Kabul	2025 – 44,743	2025 – 5,34,810
83	Kampala	NIL	2025 – 81,554
84	Kandy	Nil	No

85	Kathmandu	2022-NIL 2023-NIL 2024 - 9,17,622/- 2025 - 7,35,048/-	NA
86	Khartoum	Nil	NIL
87	Khulna	Nil	Nil
88	Kigali	NIL	NIL
89	Kingston	2025 – 99,909	Nil
90	Kinshasa	No	No
91	Kuala Lumpur	Nil	2020 -21: NIL 2021-22: 7,55,766.43 2022-23: 8,13,838.77 2023-24: 8,33,635.30 2024-25: 8,68,908.64
92	Kuwait	2021 - 2518997 2022 - 632570 2023 - 326817 2024 – 143135 2025 - 172811	NA
93	Kyiv	NIL	2024 – 1,16,307
94	Lagos	NIL	NIL
95	Libreville	NIL	NIL
96	Lilongwe	NIL	2022- Rs. 1,37,235/- 2023- Rs. 75,510/- 2024- Rs. 48,812/- 2025- Rs. 2,19,387/-
97	Lima	Nil	Nil
98	Lisbon	Nil	Since December 2020 ₹17,28,985.33.
99	Ljubljana	Nil	Nil
100	Lome	NIL	NIL
101	London	Nil	Nil
102	Luanda	Nil	Nil
103	Lusaka	NIL	NA
104	Madrid	NIL	NIL
105	Malabo	Nil	No
106	Male	Nil	NA
107	Manchester	NIL	NA
108	Mandalay	NIL	No
109	Manila	Nil	NIL
110	Maputo	2024 – 1,44,144.85	No
111	Marseille	NIL	NIL
112	Mbabane	Nil	Nil
113	Medan	No	2024 – 16,488 2025 – 72,434

114	Melbourne	Nil	2021 - Nil 2022 - Nil 2023 - INR 2,51,552 2024 - INR 6,30,966 2025 - INR 7,11,296
115	Mexico city	NIL	Nil
116	Milan	Nil	2022 – 3,31,831 2023 – 2,72,495 2024 – 1,85,800 2025 – 40,860
117	Minsk	Nil	Nil
118	Mombasa	Nil	NA
119	Monrovia	Nil	Nil
120	Morocco	Nil	Nil
121	Moscow	2024 – 43,78,794 2025 – 23,17,365	NIL
122	Munich	Nil	2021: Rs. 733154/- 2022: Rs. 550403/- 2023: Rs. 585930/- 2024: Rs.1042847/- 2025: Rs. 529779/
123	Muscat	Nil	No
124	Nairobi	Nil	Nil
125	New York	Yes	NIL
126	Niamey	NIL	NIL
127	Nicosia	NIL	NIL
128	Ottawa	Emergency assistance 14,46,780	2022 – 4,29,448 2024 – 3,12,500
129	Ouagadougou	Nil	NA
130	Panama	Nil	2021- NIL 2022- NIL 2023- INR 3,00,138.75 2024- INR 3,47,186.25 2025 (until 30.11.2025)- INR 3,34,205.50
131	Paramaribo	Nil	NIL
132	Perth	NIL	No
133	Phnom Penh	2022 13,184.00 2023 Nil 2024 2,69,725.00 2025 2,26,077.00	2022 2,58,538.00 2023 4,20,000.00 2024 84,800 2025 4,43,500
134	Phuentsholing	Nil	Nil
135	Port Louis	NIL	2024 – 37879
136	Port Moresby	NIL	NA
137	Port of Spain	Nil	No

138	Prague	2022 – 23,43,979.17 2024 – 42536.48	2024 – 3,38,136.36 2025 – 39,7,013.6
139	Pretoria	NIL	2022 – 49,900
140	Pyongyang	NIL	NIL
141	Rajshahi	NIL	Nil
142	Ramallah	Nil	Nil
143	Reykjavik	Nil	NA
144	Riga	NIL	NA
145	Riyadh	2022 - 2025 : 7,87,54,789	NA
146	Rome	Nil	2021 – Nil 2022 – 85,720 2023 – 11,35,783 2024 – 5,07,247 2025 – Nil
147	Saint Denis, Reunion Island	Nil	Nil
148	Saint Petersburg	2022 – 135135 2023- Nil 2024 - 3195581 2025- Nil	2020 - Nil 2021 - Nil 2022 - Nil 2023 - Nil 2024 - Nil
149	Santiago	Nil	Nil
150	Santo Domingo	6234	NA
151	Sao Tome	NIL	NO
152	Seoul	NIL	NIL
153	Shanghai	Nil	Nil
154	Singapore	2022- 60,241 2023- 8,02,704 2024- 19,19,108 2025-14,65,311	2022- 60,241 2023- 8,02,704 2024- 19,19,108 2025-14,65,311
155	Sittwe	N.A.	N.A.
156	Sofia	NIL	2025 – 2,99,654
157	Stockholm	Nil	NIL
158	Suva	Nil	2025 – 57,251
159	Sydney	2022 – 9,94,444 2023 – 5,92,391 2024 – 2,52,809	2025 – 112360/-
160	Tallinn	NIL	NO
161	Tashkent	NIL	2022- 297956.10 2023- 84,000 2024- 4,23,200 2025- 7,43,745
162	Tbilisi	NIL	NIL
163	Tehran	Nil	No

164	The Hague	NIL	2021- 335753/-, 2022- 104600/-, 2023-1365100/-, 2024- 610774 2025- 607569/-)
165	Thimphu	NIL	NIL
166	Tokyo	Nil	2021- Nil 2022 - Nil 2023 - Rs.799778/- 2024- Rs.604171 2025- Rs.872864
167	Toronto	2022 – 46,68,593 2023 – 42,49,444 2024 – 94,53,756 2025 – 56,15,034	2022 – 9,80,471 2023 – 8,19,601 2024 – 3,50,932 2025 – 7,65,949
168	Tripoli	NIL	Nil
169	Tunis	Nil	No.
170	Ulaanbaatar	Nil	No
171	Veletta	Nil	2024 – 2,15,392 2025 – 77,742
172	Victoria, Mahe,	NIL	NIL
173	Vienna	Nil	NA
174	Vientiane	2022-2025: 90,88,295	Nil
175	Vladivostok	Rs 3,80,668/- (July 2025)	No
176	Warsaw	2022 - 1.67 Crores	NIL
177	Washington DC	Nil	Nil
178	Wellington	Nil	2020 – 2025: 70,40,453
179	Windhoek	NIL	NIL
180	Yangon	2022 – 9,34,568 2023 – 16,63,873 2024 – 31,85,942 2025 – 8,08,085	2025 – 2,35,296
181	Yaounde	Emergency assistance 87,384	Nil
182	Yerevan	2022 – 982310 , 2023- 1054448, 2024 – 2617806 , 2025 – 2877431	Nil
183	Zagreb	Nil	Nil
184	Zahidan	Nil	Nil
