

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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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 number of deaths of Indian students abroad during the last five years, country-wise and year-wise, along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of distress cases involving Indian students abroad during that period, including health emergencies, crime, discrimination, visa and financial issues;
- (c) the mechanisms in place with Indian Missions and posts to provide timely consular assistance;
- (d) whether any assessment has been undertaken regarding the adequacy of embassy and consular responses and the findings thereof; and
- (e) the measures proposed to strengthen monitoring, grievance redressal and welfare support for Indian students studying abroad?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The number of Indian students who have lost their lives abroad year-wise during the last five years categorized by country of residence and cause of death, is attached at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The number of distress cases involving Indian students abroad during the last five years, including health emergencies, crime, discrimination, visa and financial issues, is attached at **Annexure-II**.
- (c) Government of India accords high priority to safeguarding the interests and welfare of all Indian students abroad and ensures provisioning of timely consular assistance to them. Indian Missions/Posts take steps to maintain regular contacts with Indian students enrolled in foreign universities in their jurisdictions, and brief them on potential challenges, risks, and precautions to be taken while studying overseas, including issue of advisories from time to time.

With the view to ensuring effective communication and timely support, Indian students are encouraged to connect with the local Indian Missions/Posts through various means, including the MADAD Portal of this Ministry, WhatsApp Groups created specifically for Indian students, Consular Camps, Open Houses, emergency hotlines etc. Complaints related to misleading academic programmes or adverse experiences reported by Indian students overseas are promptly taken up with the concerned educational institutions and, when required, with authorities of the host country for necessary action.

Indian Missions/Posts also remain vigilant, particularly in countries affected by political instability, economic crises, and where the risks of students being misled or exploited may be higher. Any incident affecting Indian students are immediately raised with host Governments to ensure their safety and appropriate redressal. Consular assistance, including emergency medical support, temporary accommodation, and other essential services, is extended whenever needed. The Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) is utilised to support Indian nationals, including students, in times of distress and extend assistance, when necessary.

(d) The Ministry of External Affairs constantly reviews and monitors the existing mechanisms for promoting the well-being of Indian students abroad. It has, especially, worked towards strengthening the responsiveness of Indian Missions/Posts, particularly in countries with substantial presence of Indian students, towards addressing safety concerns of the latter. Ministry has recognized the need to strengthen its support to Indian diaspora and students abroad through more effective use of the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF). This Ministry has also recently formulated the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Student Outreach and Engagement by Indian Missions and Posts abroad underscoring the importance it attaches to promoting focused interaction with and support to Indian students abroad.

(e) The Ministry of External Affairs continuously endeavours to strengthen monitoring, grievance redressal and welfare support for Indian students studying abroad, particularly through interlinked digital platforms and diverse efforts to promote their integration with India Missions/Posts abroad. It has instituted and constantly strives to enhance the effectiveness of key systems such as the eMigrate portal, Passport Seva Programme, MADAD portal, Global Pravasi Rishta portal, etc. for formulation of targeted and focused policies to promote safety, security and welfare of Indian students in foreign lands.

Annexure-I

S. No.	Name of the country	Name of Indian Mission/Post	Number of students who have lost their lives abroad											
			2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026	
			No. of deaths due to medical causes, suicides, accidents and other causes	No. of deaths due to violent attacks	No. of deaths due to medical causes, suicides, accidents and other causes	No. of deaths due to violent attacks	No. of deaths due to medical causes, suicides, accidents and other causes	No. of deaths due to violent attacks	No. of deaths due to medical causes, suicides, accidents and other causes	No. of deaths due to violent attacks	No. of deaths due to medical causes, suicides, accidents and other causes	No. of deaths due to violent attacks	No. of deaths due to medical causes, suicides, accidents and other causes	No. of deaths due to violent attacks
1	Armenia	EoI, Yerevan	1	0	3	0	12	0	3	0	3	0	0	0
2	Australia	HCI, Canberra	1	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	0
		CGI, Perth	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Sydney	4	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
		CGI, Brisbane	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0
3	Austria	EoI, Vienna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Bahrain	EoI, Bahrain	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
5	Bangladesh	HCI, Dhaka	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		AHCI,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Chittagong												
6	Belgium	EoI, Brussels	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Canada	HCI, Ottawa	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Toronto	20	0	13	1	34	0	19	11	20	1	1	1
8	China	CGI, Guangzhou	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Shanghai	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cyprus	HCI, Nicosia	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
10	Czech Republic	EoI, Prague	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Denmark	EoI, Copenhagen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Egypt	EoI, Cairo	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Estonia	EoI, Tallinn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
14	Finland	EoI, Helsinki	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
15	France	EoI, Paris	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Marseille	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
16	Germany	EoI, Berlin	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	9	0	0	0
		CGI, Munich	1	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	6	0	0	0
17	Guyana	HCI, Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
18	Hungary	EoI, Budapest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	Iran	EoI, Tehran	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0

20	Italy	EoI, Rome	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Milan	2	0	2	0	3	0	7	0	5	0	0	0
21	Kazakhstan	EoI, Astana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		RoI, Almaty	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	4	0
22	Kyrgyzstan	EoI, Bishkek	1	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	2	1	1	0
23	Latvia	EoI, Riga	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
24	Malaysia	HCI, Kuala Lumpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
25	Malta	HCI, Valletta	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
26	Mauritius	HCI, Port Louis	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Netherlands	EoI, The Hague	4	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
28	Nigeria	CGI, Lagos	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
29	Norway	EoI, Oslo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Oman	EoI, Muscat	2	0	4	0	4	0	3	0	5	0	0	0
31	Poland	EoI, Warsaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	Qatar	EoI, Doha	6	0	5	0	9	0	10	0	8	0	0	0
33	Romania	EoI, Bucharest	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Russia	EoI, Moscow	5	0	7	0	9	0	6	0	9	0	0	0
		CGI, St.	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0

		Petersburg												
		CGI, Vladivostok	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Saudi Arabia	EoI, Riyadh	0	0	5	0	7	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
36	Singapore	HCI, Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
37	South Africa	CGI, Johannesburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
38	Switzerland	EoI, Berne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		CGI, Geneva	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
39	Tajikistan	EoI, Dushanbe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
40	Tanzania	CGI, Zanzibar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
41	Taiwan	India-Taipei Association, Taipei	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
42	Ukraine	EoI, Kyiv	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
43	UAE	EoI, Abu Dhabi	0	0	3	0	10	0	8	0	6	0	4	0
		CGI, Dubai	7	0	21	0	14	0	18	0	15	0	1	0
44	U.K.	CGI, Birmingham	3	0	3	0	10	0	6	0	10	0	0	0
		CGI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	0

		Edinburgh												
45	U.S.A.	EoI, Washington	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		CGI, Chicago	7	0	8	0	7	2	3	2	4	1	0	0
		CGI, Houston	0	0	5	0	10	1	15	1	11	1	0	0
		CGI, New York	0	0	9	0	10	0	11	0	3	0	0	0
		CGI, San Francisco	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	5	0	0	0
		CGI, Atlanta	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	0
		CGI, Boston	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
46	Uzbekistan	EoI, Tashkent	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
47	Vietnam	CGI, Ho Chi Minh City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
48	Belarus	EoI, Minsk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
49	Philippines	EOI, Manila	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	0

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Name of Mission/ Post	Number of distress cases involving Indian students abroad, including health emergencies, crime, discrimination, visa and financial issues					
			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1	Australia	CGI, Melbourne	1	1	2	2	2	0
		CGI, Sydney	0	1	1	0	1	0
		CGI, Brisbane	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	Austria	EoI, Vienna	0	0	0	0	2	0
3	Canada	CGI, Toronto	0	3	5	3	1	0
		CGI, Vancouver	1	2	0	4	0	0
4	China	EoI, Beijing	0	0	0	1	0	0
		CGI, Guangzhou	0	7	7	5	24	5
5	Cyprus	HCI, Nicosia	0	0	0	1	1	1
6	Czech Republic	EoI, Prague	0	0	0	1	2	0
7	Finland	EoI, Helsinki	0	0	0	0	3	
8	Germany	CGI, Hamburg	1	0	1	1	1	0
		CGI, Munich	1	8	0	6	6	5
9	Georgia	EoI, Tbilisi	0	0	0	0	2	0

10	Guyana	HCI, Georgetown	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	Ireland	EoI, Dublin	1	0	0	3	6	0
12	Kazakhstan	EoI, Astana	0	0	0	0	1	0
13	Kyrgyzstan	EoI, Bishkek	0	0	18	35	72	0
14	Latvia	EoI, Riga	0	0	0	0	6	0
15	Poland	EoI, Warsaw	0	1	0	0	1	0
16	Russia	EoI, Moscow	4	4	16	17	32	7
		CGI, Kazan	0	0	0	0	0	1
17	South Africa	CGI, Cape Town	0	0	0	0	1	0
18	Turkey	EoI, Ankara	0	0	2	1	0	0
		CGI, Istanbul	0	0	0	0	2	0
19	U.K.	HCI, London	0	0	0	0	0	12
		CGI, Birmingham	0	0	0	0	1	0
		CGI, Edinburgh	0	0	1	11	4	2
		CGI, Manchester	0	0	0	0	2	0
20	U.S.A.	EoI, Washington	0	0	0	0	8	1
		CGI, Houston	1	0	2	7	9	2

		CGI, New York	11	27	8	32	12	2
		CGI San Francisco	2	3	7	11	18	3 (till date)
		CGI, Atlanta	0	0	0	1	1	0
21	Germany	EoI Berlin	0	3	8	14	10	3
22	France	EoI, Paris	2019 to 2024= 779				97	49
23	Italy	EoI, Rome	2	4	6	5	1	0
