

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4406
ANSWERED ON – 02/04/2026

INDIAN CITIZENS IN GULF COUNTRIES

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

- a) the country-wise and year-wise details of Indian Citizen residing in Gulf countries and the last five years; and
- b) the country-wise details of individuals rescued after the Iran-Israel War?

ANSWER

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

(a & b) Presently, over 9.9 million Indian nationals are residing in Gulf countries. Country-wise and year-wise details of Indian nationals residing in Gulf countries for last five years is attached at **Annexure-I**.

Due to the prevailing situation in West Asia and Gulf countries, Indian nationals visiting the region or transiting through it, including tourists, students, pilgrims, etc., faced difficulties on account of airspace closures and flight cancellations. Indian Embassies in the region have facilitated the travel of these Indian nationals to India by regular as well as non-scheduled commercial flights. Till 25 March 2026, over 4.75 lakh Indian passengers have travelled from West Asian and Gulf countries to India.

Annexure-I

Data of Indian nationals residing in Gulf countries since 2022

In lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of country	2025-2026 (Till March 2026)	2024	2023	2022
1	Bahrain	3.15	3.32	3.40	3.09
2	Kuwait	10.60	10.08	10.01	9.66
3	Oman	6.75	6.65	6.85	6.74
4	Qatar	8.29	8.30	8.35	8.44
5	Saudi Arabia	27.48	26.45	23.87	21.62
6	UAE	43.26	43.26	38.91	35.54
