

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 718
ANSWERED ON 05/02/2026

DUNKI ROUTE MIGRATION

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

- (a) the number of Indian nationals, deported from the United States and other countries during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of travel agents or middlemen investigated, arrested or prosecuted for organising such migration routes and the amount recovered from them;
- (c) whether Government has formally protested with the United States and other countries regarding inhumane treatment of deported Indian citizens;
- (d) the preventive measures, including registration or licensing of travel agencies and border coordination taken to protect vulnerable youth; and
- (e) whether any targets or timelines have been fixed to reduce illegal “Dunki route” migration and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a to e) Details of Indian nationals deported from the United States of America and other countries during the last five years are given in **Annexure-A**.

Government of India works in close coordination with the United States of America and other foreign Governments on all matters pertaining to deportation of Indian citizens. Such deportations are subject to an unambiguous verification of their Indian nationality. Government is in constant dialogue with the US Government regarding the need for humane treatment of Indian nationals during such deportation operations. We have registered our concerns with the US authorities, particularly with respect to use of restraints on the deportees, especially women and children. Based on the accounts and testimonies given by returning deportees, the Central and respective State Governments along with the relevant law enforcement agencies, have registered a number of cases, and investigations as well as actions are ongoing against several

illegal recruitment agents, criminal facilitators and human trafficking syndicates that run these rackets.

Government accords utmost priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indian nationals proceeding for employment abroad. As per The Emigration Act 1983, no person/ agency can function as Recruiting Agent (RA) without a valid license issued by the Registering Authority i.e. Protector General of Emigrants. Mandatory registration of RA is aimed to reduce fraud and exploitation of prospective Indian emigrants proceeding for employment abroad. It is also mandatory for ECR passport holders proceeding for employment to any of the 19 notified Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries to obtain Emigration Clearance (EC) from the office of the Protector of Emigrants (PoE).

As and when complaints against the illegal agents/dubious firms luring Indian youth in false recruitment offers through various channels are received, such matters are referred to the State police for investigation and prosecution under the relevant legal provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and other legislation in place including the ones enacted by the some State Governments.

Ministry also issues advisories through eMigrate portal, social media handles and other modes of publicity about the perils of fake job rackets and ways to prevent the same. Till December 2025, a total of 3,505 unregistered agents in country have been notified on the eMigrate portal. The awareness campaign on safe and legal migration through eMigrate portal is carried out by the Ministry across the country from time to time by conducting workshops, trainings, information sessions, digital campaigns for media groups, police officials and law enforcement agencies, local administration, aspiring recruiting agents, entrepreneurs and general public. During these sessions awareness on emigration regulations, schemes beneficial for emigrants like Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY), Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT), eMigrate portal and various advisories issued by Indian Embassies are brought to the notice of all stakeholders including job seekers, and advise them to verify all antecedents of Recruiting Agents before accepting any kind of employment offer and not be enticed and entrapped in the fraudulent job offers.

Annexure-A

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	Name of the Mission/Post	Number of Indian nationals deported from foreign countries				
			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Afghanistan	EOI, Kabul	0	0	0	0	0
2	Albania	EOI, Tirana	0	0	0	0	0
3	Algeria	EOI, Algiers	0	0	0	1	2
4	Angola	HCI, Luanda	0	0	0	0	0
5	Argentina	EOI, Buenos Aires	0	0	0	0	0
6	Armenia	EOI, Yerevan	0	0	0	0	0
7	Australia	HCI, Canberra	0	0	9	0	0
8	Australia	CGI, Melbourne					
9	Australia	CGI, Sydney	0	2	7	28	16
10	Australia	CGI, Perth	0	0	0	0	0
11	Australia	CGI, Brisbane	0	0	0	1	3
12	Austria	EOI, Vienna					
13	Azerbaijan	EOI, Baku	0	0	0	0	0
14	Bahrain	EOI, Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0
15	Bangladesh	HCI, Dhaka	0	0	0	0	0
16	Bangladesh	AHCI, Chittagong	0	0	0	0	0
17	Bangladesh	AHCI, Khulna	0	0	0	0	0

18	Bangladesh	AHCI, Rajshahi	0	0	0	0	0
19	Bangladesh	AHCI, Sylhet	0	0	0	0	0
20	Belarus	EOI, Minsk					
21	Belgium	EOI, Brussels	0	10	19	5	4
22	Belize	EOI, Mexico city	0	0	0	0	0
23	Bhutan	EOI, Thimphu	0	0	0	0	1
24	Bhutan	CGI, Phuntsholing	0	0	0	0	0
25	Bolivia	EOI, La Paz	0	0	0	0	0
26	Botswana	HCI, Gaborone	0	0	0	0	0
27	Brazil	EOI, Brasilia	0	0	0	0	0
28	Brazil	CGI, Sao Paulo	0	0	0	0	0
29	Bulgaria	EOI, Sofia	0	0	0	0	0
30	Burkina Faso	EOI, Ouagadougou	0	0	0	0	0
31	Cabo Verde	EOI, Praia	0	0	0	0	0
32	Cambodia	EOI, Phnom Penh					
33	Cameroon	HCI, Yaounde	0	0	0	0	0
34	Canada	HCI, Ottawa	3	26	48	30	48
35	Canada	CGI, Toronto	27	38	60	63	198

36	Canada	CGI, Vancouver					
37	Chad	EOI, N'Djamena					
38	Chile	EOI, Santiago	0	0	0	0	0
39	China	EOI, Beijing	5	5	3	4	7
40	China	CGI, Shanghai	3	1	2	1	1
41	China	CGI, Guangzhou	1	6	21	26	8
42	China	CGI, Hong Kong	123	166	207	201	300
43	Colombia	EOI, Bogota	0	0	0	60	0
44	Comoros	EOI, Antananarivo	0	0	0	0	0
45	Cote D'Ivoire	EOI, Abidjan	0	0	0	0	0
46	Croatia	EOI, Zagreb					
47	Cuba	EOI, Havana	0	0	0	0	0
48	Cyprus	EOI, Nicosia	46	96	173	183	163
49	Czech Republic	EOI, Prague					
50	Democratic Republic of Congo	EOI, Kinshasa	0	0	0	0	0
51	Denmark	EOI, Copenhagen	0	0	0	0	0

52	Djibouti	EOI, Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0
53	Dominican Republic	EOI, Santo Domingo					
54	Ecuador	EOI, Quito					
55	Egypt	EOI, Cairo	0	0	2	0	0
56	Equatorial Guinea	EOI, Malabo					
57	Eritrea	EOI, Asmara	0	0	0	0	0
58	Estonia	EOI, Tallinn					
59	Eswatini	HCI, Mbabane	0	0	0	0	0
60	Ethiopia	EOI, Addis Ababa	0	0	0	0	0
61	Fiji	HCI, Suva	0	0	0	0	0
62	Finland	EOI, Helsinki	0	0	0	0	0
63	France	EOI, Paris					
64	France	CGI, Marseille	0	0	0	0	5
65	France	CGI, Saint Denis (Reunion Island)	0	0	0	1	0
66	Gabon	HCI, Libreville					
67	Georgia	EOI, Tbilisi	0	0	0	0	155
68	Germany	EOI, Berlin	0	0	0	79	16
69	Germany	CGI, Frankfurt					

70	Germany	CGI, Hamburg					
71	Germany	CGI, Munich					
72	Ghana	HCI, Accra	0	0	0	0	0
73	Greece	EOI, Athens					
74	Guatemala	EOI, Guatemala City	0	0	0	0	4
75	Guyana	HCI, Georgetown	0	0	0	11	5
76	Hungary	EOI, Budapest	0	0	0	0	0
77	Iceland	EOI, Reykjavik					
78	Indonesia	EOI, Jakarta	0	0	0	0	11
79	Indonesia	CGI, Medan	0	11	0	0	3
80	Indonesia	CGI, Bali	5	0	20	20	10
81	Iran	EOI, Tehran	0	0	0	0	0
82	Iran	CGI, Bandar Abbas					
83	Iran	CGI, Zahedan					
84	Iraq	EOI, Baghdad	0	0	0	0	0
85	Iraq	CGI, Erbil	0	0	0	0	0
86	Ireland	EOI, Dublin	0	0	0	2	5
87	Israel	EOI, Tel Aviv					
88	Italy	EOI, Rome	1	2	2	6	9

89	Italy	CGI, Milan					
90	Jamaica	HCI, Kingston					
91	Jamiaca	HCI, Kingston					
92	Japan	EOI, Tokyo	23	13	16	11	12
93	Japan	CGI, Oska Kobe					
94	Japan	CGI, Fukuoka	0	0	0	0	0
95	Jordan	EOI, Amman	24	28	59	79	61
96	Kazakhstan	EOI, Astana	0	0	0	0	0
97	Kazakhstan	ROI, Almaty	0	0	0	0	0
98	Kenya	HCI, Nairobi	0	0	1	1	1
99	Kenya	AHCI, Mombasa	0	0	0	0	0
100	Kuwait	EOI, Kuwait					
101	Kyrgyzstan	EOI, Bishkek					
102	Lao PDR	EOI, Vientiane	0	0	0	0	0
103	Latvia	EOI, Riga	0	0	0	0	0
104	Lebanon	EOI, Beirut	2	3	1	5	2
105	Liberia	EOI, Monrovia	0	0	0	0	0
106	Libya	EOI, Tripoli	0	0	0	0	0
107	Lithuania	EOI, Vilnius	0	0	0	0	4
108	Madagascar	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0

		Antananarivo					
109	Malawi	HCI, Lilongwe	0	0	1	0	0
110	Malaysia	HCI, Kuala Lumpur	1439	1188	1182	1259	1675
111	Maldives	HCI, Male	16	30	117	194	150
112	Mali	EOI, Bamako	0	0	0	0	0
113	Malta	EOI, Malta	0	0	0	0	3
114	Mauritania	EOI, Nouakchott	0	0	0	0	0
115	Mauritius	HCI, Port Louis					
116	Mexico	EOI, Mexico City	0	0	0	0	0
117	Mongolia	EOI, Ulaanbaatar	0	0	0	0	0
118	Morocco	EOI, Rabat					
119	Mozambique	HCI, Maputo	0	0	0	0	0
120	Myanmar	EOI, Yangoon	0	338	89	148	1,605
121	Myanmar	CGI, Mandalay					
122	Myanmar	CGI, Sittwe	0	0	0	0	0
123	Namibia	HCI, Windhoek	0	0	0	0	0
124	Nepal	EOI, Kathmandu					
125	Nepal	CGI, Birgunj	0	0	0	0	0

126	Netherlands	EOI, The Hague	0	10	58	11	3
127	New Zealand	EOI, Wellington	9	20	19	20	6
128	New Zealand	CGI, Auckland	0	0	0	0	0
129	Niger	EOI, Niamey	0	0	0	0	0
130	Nigeria	HCI, Abuja	0	0	0	0	1
131	Nigeria	AHCI, Lagos					
132	North Korea	EOI, Pyongyang					
133	Norway	EOI, Oslo	0	0	0	0	0
134	Oman	EOI, Muscat	50	57	47	25	25
135	Pakistan	HCI, Islamabad	0	0	0	0	0
136	Palestine	ROI, Ramallah	0	0	0	0	0
137	Panama	EOI, Panama	0	0	0	215	79
138	Papua New Guinea	HCI, Port Moresby	0	0	1	1	0
139	Paraguay	EOI, Asuncion	0	0	0	0	0
140	Peru	EOI, Lima	0	0	0	0	0
141	Phillipines	EOI, Manila					
142	Poland	EOI, Warsaw	14	63	24	14	12
143	Qatar	EOI, Doha	803	1,170	1,414	1,136	796

144	Republic of Congo	EOI, Brazzaville	0	0	0	0	0
145	Republic of Guinea	EOI, Conakry	0	0	0	0	0
146	Romania	EOI, Bucharest					
147	Russia	EOI, Moscow	0	0	0	35	284
148	Russia	CGI, St. Petersburg					
149	Russia	CGI, Vladivostok	0	0	0	0	1
150	Russia	CGI, Kazan					
151	Russia	CGI, Yekaterinaburg					
152	Rwanda	HCI, Kigali	0	0	0	0	0
153	Sao Tome and Principe	EOI, Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0
154	Saudi Arabia	EOI, Riyadh	10264	28056	29592	5235	4335
155	Saudi Arabia	CGI, Jeddah	12104	6746	7542	8831	8921
156	Senegal	EOI, Dakar	0	0	0	0	0
157	Serbia	EOI, Belgrade	7	68	2	5	10
158	Seychelles	HCI, Victoria, Mahe	0	0	0	0	0
159	Sierra Leone	EOI, Freetown					
160	Singapore	HCI,	22	16	21	13	15

		Singapore					
161	Slovakia	EOI, Bratislava	12	2	0	8	27
162	Slovenia	EOI, Ljubljana	0	0	0	0	0
163	South Africa	HCI, Pretoria	0	0	0	0	0
164	South Africa	CGI Johannesburg	0	0	0	0	0
165	South Africa	CGI, Cape Town	0	0	0	0	1
166	South Africa	CGI, Durban	0	0	0	0	0
167	South Korea	EOI, Seoul	5	7	4	0	0
168	South Sudan	EOI, Juba	0	0	0	0	0
169	Spain	EOI, Madrid					
170	Spain	CGI, Barcelona	0	0	0	0	0
171	Sri Lanka	HCI, Colombo					
172	Sri Lanka	AHCI, Kandy					
173	Sri Lanka	CGI, Jaffna	0	0	0	0	0
174	Sri Lanka	CGI, Hambantota	0	0	0	0	0
175	Sudan	EOI, Khartoum					
176	Suriname	EOI, Paramaribo	0	0	0	0	0
177	Sweden	EOI,	3	1	27	16	13

		Stockholm					
178	Switzerland	EOI, Bern					
179	Switzerland	CGI, Geneva	0	0	0	0	0
180	Syria	EOI, Damascus	0	0	0	0	0
181	Taiwan	India Taipei Association	0	0	0	0	0
182	Tajikistan	EOI, Dushanbe					
183	Tanzania	HCI, Dar-e-Salaam	0	0	0	0	0
184	Tanzania	CGI, Zanzibar	0	0	0	0	0
185	Thailand	EOI, Bangkok					
186	Thailand	COI, Chiangmai	0	0	0	0	0
187	Timor Leste	EOI, Dili	0	0	0	0	0
188	Togo	EOI, Lome	0	0	0	0	0
189	Trinidad & Tobago	HCI, Port of Spain	0	0	0	0	0
190	Tunisia	EOI, Tunis	0	3	2	0	0
191	Turkiye	EOI, Ankara	15	47	23	10	3
192	Turkiye	CGI, Istanbul					
193	Turkmenistan	EOI, Ashgabat	0	0	0	0	0
194	UAE	EOI, Abu Dhabi	358	587	666	899	1,662

195	UAE	CGI, Dubai	876	1,203	2,841	5,221	7,896
196	Uganda	HCI, Kampala					
197	Ukraine	EOI, Kyiv	21	13	11	5	5
198	United Kingdom	HCI, London					
199	United Kingdom	CGI, Birmingham	0	10	75	33	70
200	United Kingdom	CGI, Edinurgh	0	0	0	0	0
201	United Kingdom	CGI, Manchester	0	0	0	0	0
202	United Kingdom	CGI, Belfast	0	0	0	0	0
203	Uruguay	EOI, Buenos Aires	0	0	0	0	0
204	USA	EOI, Washington	805	862	617	1,368	3414 (till mid Dec 2025)
205	USA	CGI, New York	16	11	18	26	47
206	USA	CGI, Chicago	0	0	0	0	0
207	USA	CGI, Atlanta	14	10	5	14	31
208	USA	CGI, Houston	29	32	14	42	234
209	USA	CGI, San Fransisco	18	43	19	17	49
210	USA	CGI, Seattle	0	0	0	3	31

211	USA	CGI, Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0
212	Uzbekistan	EOI, Tashkent	0	0	0	0	0
213	Venezuela	EOI, Caracas	0	0	0	14	0
214	Vietnam	EOI, Hanoi	0	0	0	0	0
215	Vietnam	CGI, Ho Chi Minh City					
216	Yemen	EOI, Riyadh	0	0	0	0	0
217	Zambia	HCI, Lusaka	0	0	0	0	0
218	Zimbabwe	EOI, Harare	0	0	0	0	0
