

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 559
ANSWERED ON 23/07/2026

INDIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated, released and utilised under the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) during each of the last five years, country-wise;
- (b) the number of Indian nationals who received assistance from the fund during the said period;
- (c) the criteria and procedure for extending assistance under the fund;
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any review of the functioning and adequacy of the fund in meeting the welfare needs of Indian nationals abroad and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken to strengthen the fund and improve awareness, accessibility and timely delivery of assistance to Indians in distress overseas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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- (a) & (b) The country wise details of assistance extended during the last five years are furnished in **Annexure-A**. The year wise details of the Indian nationals who received assistance from ICWF during last five years is furnished in **Annexure-B**.
- (c) Assistance is provided to distressed Indian nationals abroad in terms of the extant Indian Community Welfare Fund Guidelines 2017.
- (d) The ICWF guidelines have been revised w.e.f. September 1,2017. The revised guidelines have expanded the scope of on site welfare activities for the benefit of distressed Indian nationals that could be extended through the Fund. The guidelines cover three key areas namely Assisting Overseas Indian nationals in distress situations (Boarding & Lodging, Air passage, Legal Assistance, Emergency Medical Care, Transportation of Mortal Remains), Community Welfare Activities and Improvement in Consular Services. They now also include provisions for setting of legal panels in countries with sizable Indian Diaspora and assistance to distressed Indian women abroad. The current ICWF provisions are elaborate and comprehensive and cater to various emergency situations.
- (e) Indian Missions and Posts abroad have Consular/Community Welfare Wings with designated Officers to attend to the welfare issues of distressed Indian nationals. The Ministry has a

well established mechanism/SoPs to coordinate with all Missions/Posts abroad to provide help to Indian nationals abroad in distress including in cases of deaths, local cremation/burial or transportation of mortal remains to their hometowns in India. The Consular/Community Welfare Officers can be contacted by Indian nationals at any time for advice and assistance. In case of emergency, Missions/Posts can be contacted on 24x7 helpline. Contact details of these officers and helpline numbers are displayed both on the website of the Indian Missions/Posts as well as on the Notice Boards in the Embassy premises.

Annexure A

The details of total expenditure incurred for the welfare of Indian emigrants in INR							
Sl. No.	Name of Mission/Post	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
1	Abidjan	1028413	0	0	91233.75	0	1119646.75
2	Abu Dhabi	11973625.00	18727017.00	17715847.00	17394676.50	13712701.73	79523867.23
3	Abuja	0.00	8677.00	31398.00	219742.00	436690.00	696507.00
4	Accra	391599.91	2,28,806	115265.00	774756.00	0.00	1281620.91
5	Addis Ababa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	282791.39	282791.39
6	Algiers	431.49	930.61	1476.06	1900.05	548056.00	552794.21
7	Amman	98693.00	437927.00	148709.00	171876.00	1686996.00	2544201.00
8	EoI, Antananarivo	0.00	0.00	0.00	3568.00	8333.00	11901.00
9	Ashgabat	0.00	0.00	0.00	725888.00	0.00	725888.00
10	Asmara	10127.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10127.00
11	Astana	0.00	22650.00	31242.97	781878.65	3593563.16	4429334.78
12	Athens	735736.00	1030529.00	1301665.00	10723802.00	5510224.00	19301956.00
13	Atlanta	0.00	878541.00	1658436.00	2851019.73	3697554.00	9085550.73
14	Auckland	NA	NA	NA	0.00	2977241.00	2977241.00
15	Baghdad	244440.00	654101.00	853663.00	84640.00	215986.00	2052830.00
16	Bahrain	3749932.00	2703440.00	3216538.00	4717123.00	3502141.00	17889174.00
17	Baku	564345.00	10465.00	30149.00	100000.00	0.00	704959.00
18	Bali	8529.00	20690.00	1303.00	181281.00	43050.00	254853.00

19	Bamako	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109488.00	109488.00
20	Bandar Abbas	305.00	3044783.00	299803.00	269179.00	23220.00	3637290.00
21	Bangkok	844418.00	1238960.00	2637911.00	1501419.00	4744457.00	10967165.00
22	Beijing	107528.00	149940.00	9217.00	7708591.00	1090576.00	9065852.00
23	Beirut	866060.00	879394.00	190505.00	4279308.00	1201591.00	7416858.00
24	Belgrade	152800.62	402157.00	862596.84	0.00	970862.86	2388417.32
25	Berlin	1339125.65	3509748.13	5590228.54	4721882.75	9111935.07	24272920.14
26	Berne	264091.00	745249.00	99364.00	1153586.00	829069.00	3091359.00
27	Birgunj	0.00	0.00	157488.00	0.00	0.00	157488.00
28	Birmingham	721433.08	2282364.47	2498473.34	5116894.50	4832036.05	15451201.44
29	Bishkek	79024.00	3455.00	29641.00	3535.60	163067.20	278722.80
30	Bogota	273828.00	212195.00	554988.00	0.00	13770.00	1054781.00
31	Brasilia	890207.71	0.00	129376.01	0.00	0.00	1019583.72
32	Bratislava	0.00	9884914.00	244676.00	420302.00	1782127.00	12332019.00
33	Brisbane	NA	NA	NA	0.00	619836.62	619836.62
34	Brunei	35833.00	0.00	0.00	3019.00	993.00	39845.00
35	Brussels	0.00	0.00	363425.00	394748.00	421906.00	1180079.00
36	EOI BUCHAREST	845233.00	357274.00	882601.00	243929.00	484827.00	2813864.00
37	Budapest	0.00	1464175.44	390967.12	0.00	335400.00	2190542.56
38	Cairo	277967.81	82710.33	862275.19	644465.59	1423434.27	3290853.19
39	Cape Town	0.00	0.00	47424.00	0.00	705636.00	753060.00

40	Caracas	0.00	75300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75300.00
41	Chiangmai	0.00	22851.00	54588.00	0.00	659468.00	736907.00
42	Chittagong	8745.00	60435.00	0.00	75602.00	0.00	144782.00
43	Colombo	NA	NA	92168.00	126488.00	423669.00	642325.00
44	HCI Dar-es-salaam	183091	274036	294915	512941	400041	1665024.00
45	Dhaka	139359.00	2806710.00	451269.00	137738.00	122489.00	3657565.00
46	Djibouti	0.00	0.00	439066.00	74246.00	0.00	513312.00
47	Doha	1838068.18	4860631.30	6477976.55	10720163.15	9466689.20	33363528.38
48	Dubai	40347642.00	55093125.00	46868525.00	53548228.00	30159558.00	226017078.00
49	Dublin	0.00	804949.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	804949.00
50	Durban	0.00	0.00	0.00	1086.73	0.00	1086.73
51	Edinburgh	0.00	0.00	381335.00	0.00	21227.00	402562.00
52	Erbil	705958.00	1318593.00	1026703.00	632212.00	896472.00	4579938.00
53	Frankfurt	0.00	35691521.00	310655.00	281625.00	1007413.00	37291214.00
54	Freetown	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25038.00	25038.00
55	Gaborone	30150.00	153840.00	0.00	56833.00	188668.00	429491.00
56	Geneva	0.00	833674.00	0.00	853692.00	869465.00	2556831.00
57	Georgetown	0.00	1024564.00	55562.00	0.00	58345.00	1138471.00
58	Guangzhou	0.00	0.00	116111.00	1743727.00	1691654.00	3551492.00
59	Guatemala City	0.00	11732.00	137141.00	43850.00	1042961.00	1235684.00
60	Hamburg	372750.00	462718.00	2388591.00	1512932.00	1830505.00	6567496.00
61	Hanoi	0.00	0.00	383141.76	0.00	0.00	383141.76

62	Harare	58451.00	65143.00	1443773.00	442609.00	520178.00	2530154.00
63	Havana	0.00	0.00	19332.00	18270.00	0.00	37602.00
64	Helsinki	561380.00	916045.00	724356.00	261854.00	172898.80	2636533.80
65	Ho Chi Minh City	1054699.20	1204429.00	731179.89	995485.00	1786460.00	5772253.09
66	Houston	0.00	0.00	42010.00	505640.00	437760.00	985410.00
67	Jaffna	464786.00	3566721.00	4457463.00	10109596.00	9903383.00	28501949.00
68	Jakarta	110581.00	38477.00	224143.00	788383.00	NA	1161584.00
69	Jeddah	13391489.00	15685681.00	14274109.00	16761085.00	12229463.00	72341827.00
70	Kabul	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	610941.00	610941.00
71	Kampala	265598.00	611582.00	351364.00	1056500.00	1027856.00	3312900.00
72	KANDY	4522.33	298894.48	65929.69	38651.33	200984.87	608982.70
73	Kigali	0.00	3528.00	84469.00	285561.00	15439.00	388997.00
74	Kinshasa	0.00	0.00	84209.00	2632071.00	9817.00	2726097.00
75	Kuala Lumpur	9494646.10	7347699.22	35926197.58	29122662.42	19080272.91	100971478.23
76	Kuwait	37120597.00	24052703.00	7579639.00	6577789.00	6862864.00	82193592.00
77	Kyiv	104754.00	0.00	79200.00	387156.00	63000.00	634110.00
78	Lagos	397855.00	16347.00	0.00	17243.00	531801.00	963246.00
79	Lilongwe	0.00	137235.00	75510.00	156672.00	357263.00	726680.00
80	Lima	0.00	9595.92	9040.71	279304.02	82741.13	380681.78
81	Lisbon	0.00	91920.92	32833.86	694961.40	305415.00	1125131.18
82	Ljubljana	0.00	156873.01	670094.00	623736.21	24945.25	1475648.47
83	Lome	0.00	0.00	4179.00	237394.00	96662.00	338235.00

84	London	1449258.00	14791653.00	3656274.00	2534888.00	2387518.00	24819591.00
85	Lusaka	134762.00	0.00	500391.00	0.00	380506.00	1015659.00
86	Male	252975.00	523205.00	2606073.00	434631.00	1705747.00	5522631.00
87	Manila	108011.00	0.00	113450.00	109830.00	249415.00	580706.00
88	Medan	0.00	340781.01	489084.24	34108.56	2375960.75	3239934.56
89	Melbourne	64773.00	476126.00	24590.00	1072270.00	179214.00	1816973.00
90	Mexico City	442386.00	0.00	689469.00	231914.00	138582.00	1502351.00
91	Milan	22269100.00	1321660.00	1707741.00	988265.00	857859.00	27144625.00
92	Minsk	37565.00	295449.00	638445.00	0.00	402913.00	1374372.00
93	Mombasa	3891.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66965.00	70856.00
94	Moscow	628673.00	454694.00	355895.00	2719404.00	2853758.00	7012424.00
95	Munich	3123611.00	3387350.00	5169029.00	5652953.00	2500681.00	19833624.00
96	Muscat	22823030.00	25024587.00	38799079.00	19950041.00	13103250.00	119699987.00
97	N'Djamena				12073.00	12864.00	24937.00
98	Nairobi	0.00	51991.00	0.00	0.00	38868.00	90859.00
99	New York	1866117.00	10661091.00	6793977.00	14450483.00	8567697.00	42339365.00
100	Nouakchott	0.00	0.00	0.00	13065.00	0.00	13065.00
101	Osaka-Kobe	0.00	789.00	54222.00	93141.00	2623597.00	2771749.00
102	Oslo	212577.02	106719.77	1604745.62	547944.99	37739.41	2509726.81
103	Ottawa	0.00	0.00	0.00	896735.00	0.00	896735.00
104	Panama	0.00	0.00	300138.75	347186.25	402325.50	1049650.50
105	Paramaribo	12527.00	2085.00	4823.00	5327.00	266512.00	291274.00

106	Phnom Penh	1961062.00	370117.00	777825.00	2476817.00	2941634.00	8527455.00
107	Port Louis	108594.00	195158.00	122058.00	289893.00	283878.00	999581.00
108	Port Moresby	0.00	0.00	12173.00	0.00	92491.00	104664.00
109	Port of Spain	594.00	11117.00	963552.00	492361.00	98058.00	1565682.00
110	Prague	705177.96	3017918.06	1590756.46	1186385.92	791016.60	6104869.08
111	Rabat	87866.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	299396.00	387262.10
112	Riyadh	21359038.00	22502281.00	27490199.00	31491584.00	32538967.00	135382069.00
113	Rome	17115285.00	348047.00	1949664.00	2886824.00	191909.00	22491729.00
114	San Francisco	21515639.00	5843885.00	16828295.00	9274132.00	14434978.00	67896929.00
115	Santo Domingo	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	6234.00	6234.00
116	Sao Paulo	NIL	442833.00	26425.00	40987.00	82284.00	592529.00
117	EOI Seoul	NA	1878308.62	319928.00	1729714.00	504043.96	4431994.58
118	Sofia	24071.00	0.00	0.00	6123.00	305975.00	336169.00
119	St. Denis- Reunion Island	0.00	0.00	0.00	163700.46	0.00	163700.46
120	Suva	18956.00	NIL	2100.00	NIL	58830.00	79886.00
121	Sydney	1043721.00	3157342.00	703037.00	1215178.00	827192.00	6946470.00
122	Tashkent	14792.00	635272.70	193952.60	1038187.00	1522095.00	3404299.30
123	Tehran	1695335.00	5927860.00	1099103.00	357219.00	1669884.00	10749401.00
124	Thimphu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10000.00	10000.00
125	Tokyo	867184.00	1752883.00	2582399.00	3182537.00	1797100.00	10182103.00
126	Tunis	0.00	0.00	0.00	3782.73	52687.57	56470.30
127	Ulaanbaatar	0.00	0.00	49734.00	40204.00	67898.00	157836.00

128	Valetta	939771.00	173937.00	714120.00	845877.00	1890888.00	4564593.00
129	Vancouver	0.00	838323.00	25300.00	0.00	0.00	863623.00
130	Vienna	206067.18	710422.00	940027.00	2798702.74	1876176.73	6531395.65
131	Vientiane	23121.54	598940.89	203366.73	1866509.20	6444488.20	9136426.56
132	Vilnius	0.00	0.00	2615691.00	2701369.00	2718506.00	8035566.00
133	Warsaw	127096.00	20805787.00	3349812.00	2162707.00	2849099.00	29294501.00
134	Washington	188575.00	877442.00	1160486.00	736396.00	1612039.00	4574938.00
135	Wellington	6036585.00	5621611.00	7757026.00	7181194.00	6311295.00	32907711.00
136	EOI Yangon	551128.03	879281.88	1353889.30	3122371.80	1043937.90	6950608.91
137	EOI Yerevan	0.00	982310.00	1054448.00	2617806.00	2877431.00	7531995.00
138	Zagreb	0.00	453381.00	194185.00	34463.00	492960.00	1174989.00
139	Zahidan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	202950.00	202950.00
140	Zanzibar	24310.00	0.00	105025.00	39990.00	405508.00	574833.00
141	Cote d'Ivoire	1028413.00	0.00	0.00	91233.75	0.00	1119646.75
142	Yemen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	376927.00	376927.00
143	Riga	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45183.00	45183.00
144	Pakistan	410006.00	1365983.00	916003.00	647148.00	108693.00	3447833.00
	Total	261640491.91	343278462.76	305921437.81	337227501.86	295247971.13	1543315865.47

Annexure B

Total no of Beneficiaries under ICWF from 2021 to 2025		
Sr. No	Year	No of Beneficiaries
1	2021	28490
2	2022	24421
3	2023	18958
4	2024	10034
5	2025	10293
	Total	92196
