

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4378
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2017**

DATA BANK OF STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the country-wise number of Indian students studying in other countries including the US as on date;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to form a data bank of all the students migrating to foreign countries for study;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such data bank is likely to be formed;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines to the students who seek admission in foreign countries to study; and**
- (e) if so, the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued by the Government?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) Estimated country-wise number of Indian students, compiled on the basis of inputs received till 27.03.2017 from Indian Missions abroad is attached as Annexure.

(b) & (c) The Ministry has set up on 15 July, 2016 an online portal for Registration of Indian Students Abroad, inviting them to register voluntarily and provide data about the courses they are studying, location, institution, duration of the course, etc. The portal would provide data about Indian students abroad and map their preferred courses, locations, etc. The registration of students in the portal will be an ongoing process, as the movement of Indian students to other

countries, change of visa status, and their return to India, would be a dynamic process.

Ministry, through its Missions/Posts abroad, have been regularly interacting with Indian students studying abroad to register their details on the students module voluntarily and also encouraging the Indian student organizations and Indian Community Associations for the same through social media platforms.

(d) & (e) Ministry and Missions issue advisories from time to time asking Indian students to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities.

The Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions/Posts abroad take prompt action to address issues pertaining to welfare of Indian students who are enrolled in foreign universities and educational institutions.

The Ministry and our Missions are in regular contact with foreign governments, universities and educational institutions, Indian Student Associations and community organizations and take all possible measures to provide assistance to Indian students in foreign countries, as and when required.

Indian Student Welfare Officers have been designated in Indian Missions, in countries where there are large number of Indian students enrolled.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Country-wise list of Indian students studying in other countries	
1	Armenia	900
2	Australia	66,886
3	Austria	300
4	Azerbaijan	11
5	Bahrain	27,000
6	Bangladesh	1,000
7	Belarus	343
8	Belgium	600
9	Bosnia Herzegovina	2
10	Brazil	24
11	Brunei Darussalam	20
12	Bulgaria	50
13	Canada	50,000
14	Chile	1
15	China	16,694
16	Cuba	7
17	Curacao	200
18	Cyprus	1,962
19	Czech Republic	350
20	Denmark	274
21	Egypt	110
22	Estonia	150
23	Finland	1,000
24	France	5000
25	France (Reunion Is.)	3
26	Georgia	1100
27	Germany	1,715
28	Greece	8
29	Guyana	167
30	Hong Kong	365
31	Hungary	350
32	Iceland	10
33	Indonesia	18
34	Iran	1200
35	Ireland	2,096
36	Israel	550
37	Italy	1,163
38	Japan	879
39	Kazakhstan	2,400
40	Korea (Republic of)	1022
41	Kuwait	79
42	Kyrgyzstan	4,686
43	Latvia	700
44	Lebanon	2

45	Libya	9
46	Lithuania	900
47	Malaysia	1,493
48	Mauritius	500
49	Mexico	100
50	Moldova	160
51	Mongolia	1
52	Nepal	3000
53	New Zealand	32,000
54	Niger	5
55	Norway	250
56	Philippines	6,500
57	Poland	2,500
58	Romania	200
59	Russian Federation	6,500
60	Rwanda	20
61	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	850
62	Serbia	1
63	Slovakia	18
64	South Africa	150
65	Sri Lanka	15
66	Sudan	41
67	Sweden	2,340
68	Switzerland	445
69	Tanzania	1220
70	Turkey	36
71	Ukraine	7,963
72	United Arab Emirates (Dubai)	5,500
73	United Kingdom (2015-16)	16,715
74	United States of America (2015-16)	1,65,918
75	Uzbekistan	50
	TOTAL	4,46,797
