GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017

ATTACKS ON INDIAN STUDENTS

1429.   **SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether incidents of attacks on Indian students studying abroad have come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(b)   the steps taken by Central Government to ensure safety of Indian students studying abroad;

(c)   whether any help desk or toll free number has been maintained by the Government to help such students in case of any attacks and if so, the details thereof; and

(d)   the country-wise number of students at present studying in different foreign universities?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a)   Yes. As per information received from Indian Missions/Posts abroad, 21 incidents of attacks on Indian students from 10 countries have come to the notice of the Government during 2017. Country-wise data is placed at Annexure-I.

Missions took up the issues strongly with local police authorities and concerned ministries of the foreign countries to ensure safety and security of Indian students. Advisories were issued and placed on the website of the Indian Missions to alert the Indian students.

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

Indian 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 such issues arise.

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

Ministry and Missions also issue advisories asking them 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.

(c)   Yes. 24x7 helpline numbers are available in Missions, which are placed on the Mission's website for assistance of distressed Indians including students. A comprehensive list of emergency numbers of Indian Missions is also placed on MEA website to help distressed Indians.

(d)   Based on inputs received from Indian Missions/Posts abroad, a list of country-wise number of students at present studying in different foreign universities is at Annexure-II.

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Country-wise incidents of attack on Indian students

Sr. No.	Name of Country	Year-wise data		
		2015	2016	2017 (Up to November)
1	Australia	Nil	Nil	2
2	Bangladesh	Nil	Nil	1
3	Bulgaria	Nil	1	1
4	France	Nil	1	1
5	Germany	4	Nil	Nil
6	Kazakhstan	Nil	1	Nil
7	Kyrgyzstan	5	Nil	Nil
8	Malaysia	3	Nil	Nil
9	Nepal	1	Nil	Nil
10	USA	Nil	Nil	1
11	Italy	Nil	Nil	3
12	Poland	Nil	Nil	9
13	Guyana	Nil	Nil	1
14	Russia	Nil	Nil	1
15	Czech Republic	Nil	Nil	1
16	Ukraine	Nil	2	Nil
	Total			21

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Indian Students studying in Foreign Universities

Sr. No.	List of estimated Indian students pursuing studies in foreign Universities (based on inputs received from Indian Missions/Posts abroad as on 19.12.2017)	
1	Antigua & Barbuda	40
2	Armenia	1100
3	Australia	66700
4	Austria	300
5	Azerbaijan	15
6	Bahrain	27200
7	Bangladesh	3610
8	Belarus	343
9	Barbados	116
10	Belgium	600
11	Bosnia Herzegovina	2
12	Brazil	24
13	Brunei Darussalam	23
14	Bulgaria	297
15	Canada	100000
16	Chile	40
17	China	18171
18	Cuba	7
19	Curacao	279
20	Cyprus	2790
21	Czech Republic	400
22	Denmark	274
23	Egypt	150
24	Estonia	150
25	Finland	904
26	France	5000
27	France (Reunion Is.)	3
28	Georgia	3000
29	Germany	13740
30	Greece	1
31	Guyana	170
32	Hong Kong	350
33	Hungary	652
34	Iceland	10
35	Indonesia	17
36	Iran	1000
37	Ireland	2300
38	Israel	550
39	Italy	2000
40	Japan	1015
41	Jordan	4
42	Kazakhstan	2400
43	Korea (Republic of)	1187
44	Kuwait	50
45	Kyrgyzstan	7000
46	Latvia	700
47	Lebanon	4
48	Libya	9
49	Lithuania	850
50	Malaysia	1900
51	Mauritius	500
52	Mexico	100

53	Moldova	104
54	Mongolia	1
55	Nepal	2000
56	Netherlands	2500
57	New Zealand	30000
58	Niger	5
59	Norway	250
60	Oman	3000
61	Philippines	8500
62	Poland	2500
63	Portugal	75
64	Romania	200
65	Russian Federation	6500
66	Rwanda	20
67	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	810
68	Serbia	1
69	Slovenia	42
70	Singapore	2435
71	Slovakia	18
72	South Africa	180
73	Spain	650
74	Sri Lanka	16
75	St. Lucia	231
76	St. Kitts & Nevis	10
77	Sudan	15
78	Sweden	5050
79	Switzerland	1555
80	Tajikistan	850
81	Tanzania	1220
82	Thailand	297
83	Turkey	57
84	Ukraine	8000
85	United Arab Emirates (Dubai)	500
86	United Kingdom (2015-16)	14830
87	United States of America	206708
88	Uzbekistan	50
	TOTAL	567227

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