

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.544
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019

DEPORTATION OF PRISONERS

544. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indians who have completed their jail terms in prisons of foreign country;
- (b) the country-wise details of steps taken for their deportation/administrative transfer; and
- (c) the steps taken by Indian Missions for the deportation or administrative transfer of 360 Indian nationals who were identified in 9 countries as having completed their jail sentences in March 2018?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per information available, the total number of Indians who have completed their jail terms but are still lodged in prisons of foreign countries is 434, out of which 396 Indians are only in Pakistan. Country-wise details are at Annexure. However, due to stringent privacy laws prevailing in many countries, the local authorities do not share information on prisoners unless the person concerned consents to the disclosure of such information. Even countries, which share information, do not generally provide detailed information about the persons who have been imprisoned.

(c) The process of deportation of Indian nationals who complete their sentences in foreign prisons is dynamic and keeps changing. Our Missions and Posts abroad provide all possible consular support and humanitarian and legal assistance on a case to case basis, for completing formalities by coordinating with local immigration authorities for early deportation of the Indians who have completed their jails terms. This includes issue of emergency certificates, if required, and also provision of airfare in deserving cases from the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF).

ANNEXURE

S. No.	Name of Country	Number of Indians who have completed their jail terms in prisons of foreign country
1	Bangladesh	3
2	China	1
3	Fiji	2
4	France	1
5	Iran	1
6	Nepal	7
7	Oman	4
8	Pakistan	396
9	Portugal	1
10	Russia	1
11	United Arab Emirates	16
12	Uzbekistan	1
Total		434
