

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

OPERATION GANGA MISSION

†1635. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people were brought back under Vande Bharat Mission during COVID-19 pandemic, State-wise and district-wise including Odisha;

(b) the amount of funds spent by the Government under the said mission;

(c) the number of people brought back from Ukraine under the Operation Ganga Mission, State-wise and district-wise including Odisha; and

(d) the amount of funds spent by the Government under the Operation Ganga Mission?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)**

(a) As per information received from Ministry of Civil Aviation, 3.20 crore people have been facilitated under Vande Bharat Mission including the Air Bubble arrangements till March 2022. State/UT-wise list till March 2022 is enclosed (Annexure-I).

(b) A total of Rs. 22.54 crore was spent from Indian Community and welfare Fund (ICWF) through Indian Mission/Posts abroad during Vande Bharat Mission.

(c & d) Around 22,500 Indian nationals were evacuated from Ukraine in February and March 2022. Out of which, 18,278 Indian nationals were brought back from Ukraine under Operation Ganga Mission. Total 90 evacuation flights, of which 76 by commercial airlines and 14 by IAF were operated at GOI cost.

ANNEXURE-I**DETAILS OF PASSENGERS (OUTBOUND AND INBOUND) WHO HAVE TRAVELLED ON VANDE BHARAT MISSION DURING 2020-21 and 2021-22 (in numbers)***

STATE	EMBARKED	DISEMBARKED
A & N ISLAND	13	13
ANDHRA PRADESH	7561	118897
ASSAM	35	349
BIHAR	1573	12525
CHANDIGARH	11610	17571
DELHI	5033140	4653599
GOA	67389	75403
GUJARAT	415118	411018
JAMMU & KASHMIR	7247	4587
KARNATAKA	991406	967669
KERALA	3654171	3732727
MADHYA PRADESH	4102	3797
MAHARASHTRA	2483462	1952571
MANIPUR	12	19
ORISSA	723	5425
PONDICHERY	1	-
PUNJAB	287657	242611
RAJASTHAN	132290	168896
TAMILNADU	1436967	1588072
TELANGANA	943575	1045397
UTTAR PRADESH	373677	687428
WEST BENGAL	234420	252541
Grand Total	16086149	15941115

*** Vande Bharat Mission came to an end on 26.03.2022 with the resumption of scheduled international commercial passenger services to/from India on 27.03.2022.**
