

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-283**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 03/02/2023

**INDIANS SEEKING ASYLUM IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

**283. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether a large number of Indians are seeking asylum in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of Indians seeking asylum in Austria has reached 18000 in 2022 from 600 in 2021; and
- (c) if so, the reasons behind such a rise in asylum seekers abroad?

**ANSWER**

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

(a to c) Accurate data regarding the number of asylum applications and the actual number of people granted asylum or the grounds on which asylum is sought or granted is not available, as the foreign governments concerned cite inability to share such data due to privacy and data protection laws.

The number of asylum seekers which may include Indian nationals in Austria has increased in 2022 according to media reports. The Government of India is working with the Austrian authorities to ascertain the exact number of Indian applicants by verifying their citizenship.

Moreover, the Government of India and Government of Austria have initialled an agreement on 'Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement' recently. This agreement covers the areas of migration and mobility for Indian students and professionals.

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