

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3945
ANSWERED ON- 24/03/2023

INDIANS IN FOREIGN JAILS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Indian expatriates undertrials and convicts lodged in prisons in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the general details of expatriate convicts and undertrials lodged in prisons in foreign countries gender and offense committed-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has the State-wise list of such undertrials; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) As per the information available with the Ministry, the number of Indian prisoners, including undertrials, in foreign prisons at present is 8437. Country-wise list is given at Annexure. However, due to strong 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 foreign nationals imprisoned.

(c & d) State-wise data is not available.

Annexure

Sl. No.	Country	Number of Indian prisoners, including undertrials, in foreign prisons
1	Albania	2
2	Argentina	1
3	Armenia	9
4	Australia	81
5	Austria	8
6	Azerbaijan	4
7	Bahrain	265
8	Bangladesh	60
9	Belarus	2
10	Belgium	7
11	Bhutan	68
12	Brunei Darussalam	4
13	Bulgaria	3
14	Burkina Faso	1
15	Cambodia	1
16	Canada	23
17	Chile	1
18	China	170
19	Congo (Kinshasa)	8
20	Congo (Brazzaville)	1
21	Côte d'Ivoire	8
22	Cuba	1
23	Cyprus	51
24	Denmark	3
25	Egypt	1
26	Ethiopia	1
27	Fiji	1
28	France	29
29	Germany	66

30	Ghana	1
31	Greece	22
32	Guatemala	1
33	Hungary	6
34	Indonesia	21
35	Iran	16
36	Israel	9
37	Italy	156
38	Japan	5
39	Jordan	30
40	Kenya	3
41	Kuwait	428
42	Kyrgyzstan	1
43	Laos	2
44	Lebanon	5
45	Madagascar	3
46	Malawi	1
47	Malaysia	606
48	Maldives	11
49	Mauritius	10
50	Mexico	1
51	Morocco	1
52	Mozambique	6
53	Myanmar	21
54	Nepal	1222
55	Nigeria	18
56	Oman	92
57	Pakistan	51
58	Philippines	32
59	Poland	12
60	Portugal	10
61	Qatar	682
62	Republic of Korea	2
63	Romania	6
64	Russia	13

65	Rwanda	4
66	Saudi Arabia	1362
67	Senegal	4
68	Serbia	4
69	Singapore	71
70	Slovakia	1
71	South Africa	6
72	South Sudan	1
73	Spain	40
74	Sri Lanka	22
75	Sweden	2
76	Tanzania	3
77	Thailand	20
78	Togo	2
79	Trinidad and Tobago	2
80	Uganda	2
81	United Arab Emirates	1966
82	United Kingdom	237
83	USA	294
84	Uzbekistan	1
85	Vietnam	3
86	Yemen	1
87	Zimbabwe	3
	Total	8437
