GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1106 ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2023

INDIANS LIVING IN ISRAEL

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

- (a) whether the Government has maintained any data about the number of Indian Nationals including students living in Israel and Palestine as on date and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of Indian Nationals who died, suffered, evacuated and deported to India in light of the prevailing security situation in Israel and Palestine; and
- (c) the steps taken by Indian Embassy in Israel/Palestine to assist and protect Indian Nationals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) It is estimated that there are around 18,000 to 20,000 Indian nationals in Israel, including students and 11 Indian nationals in Palestine. One Indian national was injured in the Israel—Hamas conflict and she is currently recuperating. So far, 1309 Indian nationals have returned to India in six special flights operated under Operation Ajay from Israel and we have also facilitated return of one Indian national from Palestine. The Embassy of India in Tel Aviv and Representative Office of Ramallah, are in regular communication with relevant departments and ministries in Israel and Palestine respectively and with Indian community to ensure the safety and security of all Indian nationals living there.
