

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1902
(To be answered on the 22nd September 2020)**

**TRANSPORTATION OF ESSENTIAL MEDICAL CARGO UNDER
LIFETIME UDAN**

1902. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has data with regard to the total number of passengers returning to India under Vande Bharat Mission and if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the passengers's details, State-wise especially Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has any data with regard to the transportation of essential medical cargo under Lifeline UDAN and if so, the State-wise details thereof along with the charges charged, if any; and

(c) whether the Government has given any conditional exemption to any State Government agency for Remotely Piloted Aircraft System during the last six months and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a) Vande Bharat Mission consists of special repatriation flights operated by Indian carriers and chartered flights operated by both Indian and foreign carriers. As per information provided by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), till 31.08.2020, more than 11 lakh Indians (excluding land border crossings) have returned to India under the Vande Bharat Mission. Country-wise and State-wise number of passengers returned are at Annexure A.

(b): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched 'Lifeline UDAN' on 26.03.2020. Lifeline UDAN was an initiative to ensure a steady supply of essentials as well as medical supplies, PPEs (Personal Protective Equipment), test kits etc. to all parts of the country. For this purpose, the Ministry facilitated establishing Lifeline UDAN mechanism to match the requirements/consignments of States

/UTs/MoHFW (HLL & ICMR)/other Ministries with special flight plans.

Initially, the consignor State Govts./UTs/agencies were to incur the transportation cost for Lifeline UDAN flights. However, a contingency expenditure plan for excess expenditure upto a total amount of Rs.30 crore was approved for payments of Lifeline UDAN operations to be made by MoCA. As of 18.09.2020, an amount of Rs.18.95 crore has been reimbursed by MoCA to airlines/ground handling agencies for Lifeline UDAN flights. State-wise details of flights are at Annexure B.

(c): The Ministry of Civil Aviation, upto 31.08.2020, has granted conditional exemption to the following State Government agencies for Remotely Piloted Aircraft System:

- i. Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.**
- ii. Commissionerate of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan**
- iii. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Education and Research, Government of Uttar Pradesh**
- iv. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Government of Haryana**
- v. Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS), Faridabad**
- vi. Government Aviation Training Institute, Bhubaneswar**
- vii. Telangana State Aviation Academy, Hyderabad**

**COUNTRY WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL
31.08.2020**

Sl. No.	COUNTRY	NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS
1.	AFGHANISTAN	902
2.	ALGERIA	649
3.	ANGOLA	531
4.	ARMENIA	720
5.	AUSTRALIA	7110
6.	AZERBAIJAN	186
7.	BAHRAIN	22769
8.	BANGLADESH	5019
9.	BARBADOS	115
10.	BELARUS	225
11.	BELGIUM	287
12.	BHUTAN	85
13.	BRAZIL	510
14.	BRUNEI	272
15.	BULGARIA	499
16.	CAMBODIA	289
17.	CANADA	11384
18.	CHINA	513
19.	DENMARK	52
20.	DJIBOUTI	233
21.	EGYPT	1890
22.	ETHIOPIA	6101
23.	FIJI	5
24.	FINLAND	219
25.	FRANCE	12385
26.	GEORGIA	862
27.	GERMANY	14108
28.	GHANA	302
29.	GREECE	163
30.	HONG KONG	762
31.	INDONESIA	2585
32.	IRAN	3113
33.	IRAQ	6661
34.	IRELAND	485
35.	ISRAEL	438
36.	ITALY	2957

COUNTRY WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL 31.08.2020		
Sl. No.	COUNTRY	NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS
37.	JAPAN	2699
38.	JORDAN	400
39.	KAZAKHSTAN	3685
40.	KENYA	1124
41.	KUWAIT	84153
42.	KYRGYZSTAN	11142
43.	LAOS	427
44.	LATVIA	5
45.	LEBANON	893
46.	MADAGASCAR	84
47.	MALAYSIA	11464
48.	MALDIVES	6747
49.	MALTA	102
50.	MAURITIUS	900
51.	MEXICO	228
52.	MOLDOVA	243
53.	MONGOLIA	17
54.	MYANMAR	659
55.	NEPAL	332
56.	NETHERLANDS	3330
57.	NEW ZEALAND	1835
58.	NIGERIA	4398
59.	NORWAY	267
60.	OMAN	75367
61.	PAKISTAN	671
62.	PHILIPPINES	7017
63.	POLAND	336
64.	PORTUGAL	54
65.	QATAR	95652
66.	ROMANIA	8
67.	RUSSIA	8471
68.	SAUDI ARABIA	138459
69.	SCOTLAND	35
70.	SEYCHELLES	864
71.	SINGAPORE	20195
72.	SOUTH AFRICA	1161
73.	SOUTH KOREA	1081

COUNTRY WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL 31.08.2020		
Sl. No.	COUNTRY	NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS
74.	SPAIN	1117
75.	SRI LANKA	7208
76.	SUDAN	125
77.	SWEDEN	1270
78.	SWITZERLAND	7
79.	SYRIA	12
80.	TAIWAN	108
81.	TAJIKISTAN	1374
82.	TANZANIA	1640
83.	THAILAND	1824
84.	TUNISIA	25
85.	TURKEY	1102
86.	TURKMENISTAN	38
87.	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	394950
88.	UNITED KINGDOM	32645
89.	UKRAINE	8205
90.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	66692
91.	UZBEKISTAN	636
92.	VIETNAM	648
93.	YEMEN	76
94.	ZIMBABWE	5
95.	OTHERS	1299

STATE WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL 31.08.2020		
Sl. No.	STATE	NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS
1.	A & N ISLANDS	45
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	31061
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	41
4.	ASSAM	1005
5.	BIHAR	32056
6.	CHANDIGARH	1593
7.	CHHATTISGARH	878
8.	D & N HAVELI	40
9.	DAMAN AND DIU	132

STATE WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL 31.08.2020		
Sl. No.	STATE	NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS
10.	DELHI	183923
11.	GOA	9096
12.	GUJARAT	22818
13.	HARYANA	6423
14.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1570
15.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	4963
16.	JHARKHAND	2249
17.	KARNATAKA	51564
18.	KERALA	334523
19.	LADAKH	486
20.	LAKSHADWEEP	866
21.	MADHYA PRADESH	3238
22.	MAHARASHTRA	80098
23.	MANIPUR	393
24.	MEGHALAYA	87
25.	MIZORAM	126
26.	NAGALAND	81
27.	ODISHA	10590
28.	PUDUCHERRY	1085
29.	PUNJAB	29922
30.	RAJASTHAN	30367
31.	SIKKIM	90
32.	TAMIL NADU	96135
33.	TELANGANA	56678
34.	TRIPURA	545
35.	UTTAR PRADESH	101384
36.	UTTARANCHAL	2877
37.	WEST BENGAL	11529

Details of Lifeline Udan Flights	
Name of State/UT	No. of Lifeline Udan flights
Andhra Pradesh	5
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	48
Bihar	6
Chhattisgarh	5
Goa	6
Gujarat	11
Haryana	0
Himachal Pradesh	0
Jharkhand	5
Karnataka	32
Kerala	10
Madhya Pradesh	3
Maharashtra	65
Manipur	14
Meghalaya	0
Mizoram	6
Nagaland	13
Odisha	10
Punjab	7
Rajasthan	0
Sikkim	1
Tamil Nadu	33
Telangana	19
Tripura	23
Uttarakhand	1
Uttar Pradesh	4
West Bengal	42
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6
Chandigarh	0
Delhi	97
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0
Jammu & Kashmir	30
Ladakh	15
Lakshadweep	0
Puducherry	0
Total	518

Out of total Lifeline Udan flights of 588, remaining Lifeline Udan flights flown by IAF on the direct request from State Governments.

Note:

1. Some of these flights would be positioning and base leg flights.
2. In North East & JK some flights had to be diverted and scheduled again due to bad weather.
3. In addition some operation were carried out directly on demand of the state government.