

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

TAMILS EVACUATED FROM GULF

356. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Tamil people who were evacuated from Gulf and other countries in the light of COVID-19 pandemic, State-wise; and
- (b) whether the Government has succeeded in the mission and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) & (b) As per the information available with the Ministry of External Affairs, around 3,44,937 people have arrived in Tamil Nadu under the Vande Bharat Mission till 20 January 2021. The Government of India, through the Vande Bharat Mission, has been successful in evacuating distressed Indian nationals who have been stranded in foreign countries. Stranded Indians with the most compelling reasons have all safely returned to their homes. Our Missions are in regular touch with Indians resident in their country of accreditation and are facilitating their return to India on their request.
