

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.390
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

CONTINUATION OF VANDE BHARAT MISSION

390. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indians who returned to India through Vande Bharat Mission since last year to till date;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to continue this mission during the present year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per the information available with Ministry of External Affairs, as on 20 January 2021, around 39 lakh people have returned to India under 9 phases of the Vande Bharat Mission.

(b) & (c) The Vande Bharat Mission is the largest and most complex exercise ever undertaken by the government for repatriation of its nationals stranded overseas, in close coordination involving Ministry of External Affairs and Ministries of Civil Aviation, Home Affairs, Health & Family Welfare as well as the concerned State governments. Decisions pertaining to the Vande Bharat Mission are taken in due consideration of the global Covid pandemic situation.
