

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3398  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021**

**SAFETY AND SECURITY OF NRIS AND PIOS**

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**Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Indian NRIs and PIOs living in foreign countries between 31st January, 2020 to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and January 2021 to March 2021;**
- (b) the total number of Indians returning from abroad including NRIs, PIOs as well as those Indian citizens visiting on tourist visas during the said period, country-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to impose 15 day Mandatory quarantine period for all international passengers visiting India particularly from China, Europe, USA and Canada; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of the Indians living in China, Hongkong, Singapore, Malaysia, UAE, Dubai, Middle East, European and South American countries, USA and Canada?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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- (a) Total number of NRIs and PIOs is estimated at 1.35 crore and 1.87 crore respectively.**
- (b) The details of the Indian data sought are as given below;**

<b>(i)</b>	Total number of Indians arrived from abroad during the period from 31.01.2020 to 18.03.2020.	<b>27, 10,318</b>
<b>(ii)</b>	The number of Indians arrived from abroad during the period from 01.01.2021 to 31.03.2021.	<b>20, 39,464</b>

(iii)	Number of Indians departed abroad for tourism purpose for the period from 31.01.2020 to 18.03.2020	<b>5, 36,038</b>
(iv)	Number of Indians departed abroad for tourism purpose for the period from 01.01.2021 to 31.03.2021	<b>3, 93,374</b>

Details of Indian citizens travelling abroad on tourist visa during the said period is placed at annexure-1.

(c) & (d) The guidelines for International Arrivals are decided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare keeping in view health protocols, the pandemic situation and international practices. These guidelines are regularly updated with a view to responding to the evolving pandemic situation. The present guidelines were issued on 30 November 2021 keeping the Omicron variant in view.

(e) The Government accords the highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indian citizens abroad. Our Missions and Posts abroad remain vigilant and closely monitor and actively follow up any grievances and complaints of Indians with the authorities concerned in foreign countries. The on-line MADAD portal also enables all Indian nationals and their family members to register their consular grievances on-line and track their redressal. In order to provide the required support services to persons desirous of going abroad for employment purposes, the Ministry of External Affairs, has setup Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayta Kendras (PBSK) in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. Through PBSK, Indian expatriates can seek required guidance/assistance on issues of concerns/problem areas. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Indian Missions and Posts have assisted more than 1.66 Lakh Indians with funds from the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF).

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**ANNEXURE-1**

<b>INDIANS DEPARTED TO VARIOUS DESTINATION COUNTRIES ON TOURISM</b>		
<b>DESTINATION ../PERIOD--</b>	<b>PERIOD : 31.01.2020 TO 18.03.2020</b>	<b>PERIOD : 01.01.2021 TO 31.03.2021</b>
AFGHANISTAN	46	32
ALAND ISLANDS	1	1
ALBANIA	7	
ALGERIA	16	2
ANDORRA	3	0
ANGOLA	41	181
ANTARTICA	2	0
ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS	2	
ARGENTINA	101	5
ARMENIA	88	22
ARUBA	2	0
AUSTRALIA	12139	34
AUSTRIA	354	4
AZERBAIJAN	4316	5
BAHAMAS	74	37
BAHRAIN	831	646
BANGLADESH	48404	209
BARBADOS	56	2
BELARUS	10	2
BELGIUM	174	0
BELIZE	9	1
BENIN	22	30
BERMUDA	8	3
BHUTAN	2703	7
BOLIVIA	6	0
BOTSWANA	31	21
BRAZIL	183	87
BRUNEI	44	1
BULGARIA	33	0
BURKINA FASO	5	0
BURUNDI	10	1
CAMBODIA	906	2
CAMEROON	13	16
CANADA	1128	224
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	1	0
CAYMAN ISLANDS	6	0
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	2	3
CHAD	3	0
CHILE	18	1
CHINA	33	0
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	1	0
COG(CONGO)	97	0
COLOMBIA	37	0
COMOROS	4	0

CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	13	0
COSTA RICA	8	0
CUBA	3	0
CYPRUS	43	0
CZECH	308	0
DENMARK	161	0
DJIBOUTI	8	0
DOMINICA	1	0
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	0
EAST TIMOR (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	19	2
ECUADOR	9	4
EGYPT	1790	145
ERITREA	1	0
ESTONIA	20	0
ETHIOPIA	259	165
FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINES)	2	3
FIJI	103	0
FINLAND	648	1
FRANCE	2230	16
FRANCE METROPOLITAN	1	0
FRENCH POLYNESIA	2	0
GABON	37	17
GAMBIA	24	23
GEORGIA	224	6
GERMANY	1297	54
GHANA	78	85
GREECE	1022	2
GUATEMALA	1	0
GUINEA	14	19
GUINEA BISSAU	1	1
GUYANA	0	2
HAITI	47	13
HEARD AND MCDONALD ISLANDS	1	0
HONDURAS	4	0
HONG KONG	311	8
HUNGARY	509	17
ICELAND	227	6
INDONESIA	27363	72
IRAN	125	21
IRAQ	32	21
IRELAND	118	5
ISRAEL	323	27
ITALY	1329	117
IVORY COST	44	67
JAMAICA	39	13
JAPAN	430	2
JORDAN	603	53

KAZAKHSTAN	1589	10
KENYA	1300	1152
KIRIBATI	6	0
KOREA(DPR)	9	2
KOREA(REPUBLIC OF)	201	12
KUWAIT	613	20
KYRGHYZSTAN	256	21
LAOS	90	9
LATVIA	22	1
LEBANON	24	16
LESOTHO	7	0
LIBERIA	16	30
LITHUANIA	8	1
LUXEMBOURG	15	1
MACAU	85	33
MACEDONIA	1	0
MADAGASCAR	84	19
MALAWI	216	241
MALAYSIA	26398	126
MALDIVES	14703	55956
MALI	43	102
MALTA	33	0
MARSHALL ISLANDS	1	1
MARTINIQUE	2	0
MAURITANIA	81	4
MAURITIUS	5152	95
MAYOTTE	2	0
MEXICO	104	13
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	2	0
MONACO	10	2
MONGOLIA	2	0
MONTENEGRO	2	0
MONTSERRAT	1	0
MOROCCO	166	3
MOZAMBIQUE	36	20
MYANMAR	1694	5
NAMIBIA	66	77
NAURU	4	0
NEPAL	12372	5211
NETHERLANDS	1027	20
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	3	1
NEW CALEDONIA	25	0
NEW ZEALAND	2653	10
NICARAGUA	10	2
NIGER	5	3
NIGERIA	78	61
NIUE ISLAND	3	1
NORFOLK ISLAND	2	0
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	1	0

NORWAY	265	0
OMAN	3107	6846
PAKISTAN	8	10
PALAU	1	0
PANAMA	47	0
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	2	0
PARAGUAY	3	0
PERU	18	0
PHILLIPPINES	1070	5
POLAND	102	0
PORTUGAL	251	3
PUERTO RICO	1	0
QATAR	4372	444
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAIWAN	202	64
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	39	2
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	3	0
RESIDENT OF KOSOVO (UNMIK)	1	0
REUNION ISLANDS	42	0
ROMANIA	22	4
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	1270	249
RWANDA	73	43
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS	7	0
SAINT HELENA	10	1
SAINT LUCIA	1	0
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	0	1
SAMOA	1	0
SAUDI ARABIA	1316	66
SENEGAL	46	72
SERBIA	540	41
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	2	1
SEYCHELLES	1337	0
SIERRA LEONE	57	11
SINGAPORE	19300	180
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	4	0
SOLOMON ISLANDS	0	2
SOMALIA	7	5
SOUTH AFRICA	1494	136
SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	1	0
SOUTH SUDAN	4	
SPAIN	1239	5
SRI LANKA	28620	71
SUDAN	22	29
SURINAME	27	1
SWAZILAND	131	1
SWEDEN	218	4
SWITZERLAND	1344	8
SYRIA	1	1

TANZANIA	521	360
TAZIKISTAN	28	18
THAILAND	73900	85
TIBENTIAN ORIGIN	3	0
TOGO	27	26
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	24	0
TUNISIA	86	10
TURKEY	4413	295
TURKMENISTAN	3	2
TURKS AND CAICOS ISL	0	1
TUVALU	0	2
UGANDA	623	1216
UK BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN	39	6
UK BRITISH NATIONAL(OVERSEES)	4	2
UK BRITISH OVERSEES CITIZEN	6	1
UK BRITISH PROTECTED PERSON	1	7
UK BRITISH SUBJECT	15	1
UKRAINE	115	98
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	193589	314495
UNITED KINGDOM	3293	249
UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION	9	2
UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCY	19	8
UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	29	1
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	6369	1833
URAGUAY	21	1
UTO	1	0
UZBEKISTAN	1014	64
VANUATU	25	3
VATICAN CITY - HOLY SEE	1	0
VENEZUELA	6	0
VIETNAM	3964	15
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)	1	0
WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS	3	1
YEMEN	9	1
YUGOSLAVIA	1	1
ZAMBIA	125	107

ZIMBABWE	97	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>536038</b>	<b>393374</b>

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