

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.975
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021**

EVACUATION OF INDIAN CITIZENS FROM AFGHANISTAN

975. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has been successful in evacuating all the internally displaced Indian citizens from Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government continues to maintain a staffed embassy in Kabul and other cities of Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has been approached by the Resistance Forces or any other political actor from the erstwhile democratic regime in Afghanistan for support and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A total of 565 people including 438 Indians were evacuated from Afghanistan by the Government of India under the "Operation Devi Shakti". A few Indians, who had contacted the Special Afghanistan Cell of the Ministry of External Affairs and desired to be evacuated, still remain stranded. The Special Afghanistan Cell is in touch with the remaining stranded Indians as well as members of the Afghan minority community.

Following the rapid decline in the security situation in Afghanistan in mid-August 2021, all India-based personnel from our Embassy and other Consulates were recalled.
