

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3634
(To be answered on the 24th March 2022)**

EVACUATION OF CITIZENS FROM UKRAINE

3634. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a scheme for evacuation of Indian citizens from foreign countries during emergency situation like war disaster etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government arranged flights for the evacuation of Indian citizens from Ukraine;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the Government evacuated all Indian citizens in Ukraine free of cost and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details regarding the number of citizens evacuated from Ukraine without levying flight charge;

(g) the details of flight services operated from neighboring countries of Ukraine for the evacuation of Indian citizens; and

(h) the total expenditure of the Union Government for arranging flight service for the Indian citizens in connection with the evacuation process?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) and (b) In case of an outbreak of conflict or any other exigencies, the evacuation of Indian citizens is planned on a case-to-case basis, based on a number of factors, like number and location of Indian nationals within the

country, security situation on ground and availability of evacuation/exit routes within the country and those with neighbouring countries. Appropriate advisories are issued by the Indian missions in such situations so that the Indian citizens can move out of the conflict areas in time.

(c) to (h) Around 22,500 Indian nationals have returned from Ukraine to India from 1 February - 11 March, 2022. 90 evacuation flights were operated under Operation Ganga, including 14 Indian Air Force flights. The details of the flights operated under Operation Ganga are given at Annexure.

The air fare for all the flights operated under Operation Ganga has been borne entirely by the Government of India.

Annexure to the answer to LS USQ No. 3634

Number of flights operated under Operation Ganga							
Airline	City						Grand Total
	Bratislava	Bucharest	Budapest	Kosice	Rzeszow	Suceava	
Indigo		6	11	1	12	5	35
Air India		11	2		1		14
Go First			6				6
Air Asia			2			1	3
Indian Air Force	1	6	3		4		14
Air India Express		4	5				9
SpiceJet			2	4		3	9
Grand Total	1	27	31	5	17	9	90