GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3771 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

IMPACT OF RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR ON INDIA

3771. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

SHRI MARGANI BHARAT: DR. G. RANJITH REDDY: SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA: SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) impact of Russia-Ukraine war on India, politically, diplomatically and economically;
- (b) the details of trade between India and Russia and India and Ukraine during the last five years, year-wise and countrywise:
- (c) the flow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India from the above two countries during the last five years, year-wise and country-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has evacuated all Indians from Ukraine, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor: and
- (e) the diplomatic and other efforts made by the Government to help defuse war situation in Russia/Ukraine?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI]

(a) & (e) The conflict in Ukraine placed the Indian community in Ukraine in direct danger. As a result of our advisories and Operation Ganga, around 22500 Indian citizens have returned to India safely since February 2022.

Many countries have imposed sanctions on Russia due to the conflict. These are expected to have an impact on the global economy, including through disruption of supply chains. Its impact on energy and commodity prices is already visible. We are in the process of analysing its impact on India-Russia bilateral trade and economic cooperation, in consultation with all stakeholders. India's relations with Russia stand on their own merit.

The unfolding developments in Ukraine have simultaneously played out in the United Nations, in particular the Security Council, where India is presently serving as a non-permanent member. We have expressed deep concern at the worsening

situation and called for immediate cessation of violence and end to all hostilities. Our statements at the Security Council and the General Assembly have urged an urgent ceasefire and ensuring safe passage for stranded civilians. We have also highlighted the humanitarian assistance extended by India to Ukraine and its neighbours at this hour of crisis.

We have reiterated at the highest levels of our leadership to all parties concerned that there is no other choice but the path of diplomacy and dialogue. We have emphasized to all member States of the UN that the global order is anchored on international law, UN Charter and respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of states.

(b) The details of trade between India and Russia/Ukraine during the last five years in US\$ million are as below -

YEARS	RUSSIA			UKRAINE		
	EXPORT S	IMPORTS	TOTAL TRADE	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TOTAL TRADE
2017- 2018	2,113.4 0	8,573.46	10,686.8 6	330.10	2,355.97	2,686.07
2018- 2019	2,389.6 2	5,840.44	8,230.06	390.8	2,341.03	2,731.82
2019- 2020	3,017.7 5	7,093.01	10,110.7 6	463.81	2,060.79	2,524.60
2020- 2021	2,655.8 4	5,485.75	8,141.58	450.97	2,139.86	2,590.83
April-Jan- uary 2022 (P)	2,854.5 7	7,972.12	10,826.6 9	426.78	2,444.91	2,871.69

(Source: DGCI&S)

(c) The details of FDI flow between Russia/ Ukraine and India during the last five years are as below:

SI No	Year	Russia (FDI in US\$ million)	Ukraine (FDI in US\$ million)
1	2016-17 Apr-Mar	11.00	0.62
2	2017-18	36.00	1.63
3	2018-19	3.81	0.00
4	2019-20	17.25	0.00
5	2020-21	2.67	2.09
6	2021-22 (Apr-Dec)	5.10	0.63

Grand Total	75.83	4.96

(Source: DPIIT)

(d) Around 22500 Indian nationals, mostly students, returned from Ukraine since 1 February 2022 (till date). Around 4000 students came back through commercial flights before 24 February 2022. Around 18500 Indian nationals were evacuated after 24 February till date. Under Operation Ganga, 90 flights, of which 76 were commercial airlines and 14 IAF flights were operated.

Around 40-50 Indian nationals are estimated to be still present in Ukraine, of which only a few are willing to return to India. Their return is being facilitated by the Embassy
