

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3820
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

3820. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government has been maintained a data base of Indian students studying abroad for various courses in foreign universities along with the number of students enrolled abroad in medical courses, country-wise including Ukraine;
- (b) the number of students who have returned to India due to Ukraine crisis;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme for the welfare of Indian students studying in foreign universities, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any scheme for the welfare of foreign students studying in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Indian embassy in various countries are facing shortage of sufficient staff strength, if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to remove such a scarcity; and
- (f) whether the Government plans to open an IIT in UAE, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) According to the data available with the Ministry, there are approximately 1.3 million Indian students who are studying abroad in various courses. However, specific data of students enrolled in Medical courses is not available. A list of number of students in different countries is enclosed as **Annexure -I**. Around 22,500 Indians including students have returned to India due to Ukraine crisis.

(c) Welfare of Indians abroad, including students, is top priority of the Government of India. MADAD portal, launched in February 2015, extends helping hand to all Indians abroad. Student Module of the MADAD portal, launched on 15 July, 2016, enables Indian students abroad to register voluntarily and provide data about their course, location, institution, duration of the course, etc. besides creating a database of Indian students going abroad. Separately, the India Centre for Migration, a think tank of

the Ministry, has prepared a “Student Handbook for Studying Abroad”, providing basic information to students intending to study overseas. The Ministry through its Missions/Posts abroad has also been regularly interacting with the Indian students studying abroad. The Ministry and Indian Missions abroad issue advisories, from time to time, asking Indian students to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities. In addition, the Ambassadors / High Commissioners and Senior officials in Missions abroad visit local universities and colleges to meet Indian students & address their issues. Missions also conduct Open Houses for students and NRIs to meet the Mission Head and other officers. Missions are also in constant touch with Indian student Associations and University administrations. In case of any distress, students are also assisted under Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF).

(d) The following Schemes are running for the welfare of foreign students studying in India:-

(i) Study In India (SII) programme under Ministry of Education provides scholarships in form of tuition fee waiver upto 100% to selected meritorious foreign students to study in Indian universities. The programme involves partnership with 150 plus select Indian institutes/universities.

(ii) A scholarship of Rs. 2.50 lakh per student per year is awarded to meritorious student from all over the world under Champion Services Sector Scheme (CSSS).

(iii) Foreign Students Office have been established by 164 universities.

(iv) Scholarship Programme for Diaspora children (SPDC) provides scholarship for PIO children.

(e) Ministry of External Affairs regularly reviews the requirement of manpower at various levels in Missions and Posts abroad as well as at the Headquarters, and takes appropriate action, including recruitment of additional officers and staff, through placement of requisite indents with the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission respectively, in case of shortfall. Vacancies at Diplomatic or Consular levels in Indian Missions/Posts abroad are regularly reviewed and officers appointed. Generally, gaps between the departure of incumbents and the arrival of their successors are kept to a minimum. However, as the posting chains often involve several officers, on some occasions, Missions/Posts abroad may face some short-term vacancies.

(f) Yes, the Joint India-UAE Vision Statement issued at the Virtual Summit between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi on [February 15, 2022](#) mentioned that both leaders agreed to establish IIT in the UAE in view of the historical relations between two countries and to encourage and support innovation and technological progress.

**Estimated Data of Indian students studying abroad
(in 2022)**

S.No.	Name of Country	No. of Students
1.	Armenia	8,015
2.	Australia	1,00,009
3.	Austria	350
4.	Azerbaijan	119
5.	Bangladesh	9,308
6.	Belarus	793
7.	Belgium	766
8.	Botswana	200
9.	Brazil	6
10.	Brunei Darussalam	38
11.	Bulgaria	357
12.	Canada	1,83,310
13.	China	6,436
14.	Cuba	1
15.	Cyprus	1,961
16.	Czech Republic	1,500
17.	Denmark	413
18.	Egypt	400
19.	Estonia	138
20.	Finland	519
21.	France	10,003
22.	Georgia	14,000
23.	Germany	34,864
24.	Greece	48
25.	Guyana	498
26.	Hong Kong	815
27.	Hungary	932
28.	Iceland	16
29.	Indonesia	1
30.	Iran	2,050
31.	Ireland	5,000
32.	Israel	1,218

33.	Italy	5,897
34.	Japan	1,302
35.	Kazakhstan	3,855
36.	Kyrgyzstan	14,500
37.	Latvia	1,000
38.	Lithuania	1,000
39.	Luxembourg	2
40.	Malaysia	3,331
41.	Malta	450
42.	Mauritius	147
43.	Mexico	108
44.	Moldova	705
45.	Nepal	2300
46.	Netherlands	3,200
47.	New Zealand	2,664
48.	Norway	480
49.	Oman	39,550
50.	Panama	191
51.	Philippines	15,000
52.	Poland	5,000
53.	Portugal	19
54.	Qatar	46,000
55.	Republic of Korea	1,364
56.	Romania	805
57.	Russia Federation	18,039
58.	Saudi Arabia	65,800
59.	Serbia	5
60.	Singapore	10,000
61.	Slovakia	202
62.	Slovenia	36
63.	South Africa	335
64.	Spain	1383
65.	Sri Lanka	68
66.	Sudan	3
67.	Sweden	2,500
68.	Switzerland	3,980
69.	Taiwan	2,239
70.	Tajikistan	1,250

71.	Thailand	364
72.	Turkey	193
73.	Ukraine*	-
74.	United Arab Emirates	1,64,000
75.	United Kingdom	55,465
76.	USA	4,65,791
77.	Uzbekistan	250
78.	Venezuela	93
79.	Vietnam	4
Total		13,24,954

* In Ukraine - As per our information all students have been evacuated from Ukraine.
