

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2300

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EVACUATION OF INDIANS FROM WAR ZONES ABROAD

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian citizens evacuated from foreign countries affected by war or armed conflict during the last two years;

(b) the details of evacuations conducted during each conflict, country-wise;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by the Government for these evacuation missions, including transportation, lodging, and other logistical support;

(d) whether the evacuees were charged any amount or provided assistance free of cost;

(e) whether the Government plans to continue such evacuation operations in ongoing and future foreign conflict zones, if so, the details thereof;

- (f) the arrangements in place for ensuring the safety of Indian nationals working or residing in war-prone countries; and
- (g) whether the Government has entered into agreements with foreign governments, airlines, or international agencies for emergency evacuation support, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) During the last two years, the Government of India has safely evacuated 9779 stranded Indian nationals from conflict zones. During these evacuations, the Government provided logistical support, including safe shelter, food and international transportation by arranging special evacuation flights for the stranded Indian nationals on gratis basis. The country-wise details of evacuation operations, along with expenditure incurred are placed below.

Year	Country & Name of the Operation	Number of evacuated Indian nationals	Expenditure incurred on evacuations (in ₹)
2023	Sudan	4,097	45.63 crore

	Operation Kaveri	(including 136 foreign nationals)	
2023	Israel Operation Ajay	1,343 (including 14 OCI card holders and 20 foreign nationals)	16.87 crore
2024	Haiti Operation Indravati	17	48.34 lakh
2024	Syria	77	39.95 lakh
2025	Iran Operation Sindhu	3597 (plus 14 OCI Card holders and 14 foreign nationals)	27.68 crore as on date.
2025	Israel Operation Sindhu	818	

(e to g) Government accords the highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indian nationals abroad. The Government closely monitors developing hostile situations in war zones. As per

prevailing circumstances, Government issues advisories to caution Indian nationals to avoid unnecessary travel, follow safety guidelines issued by the local authorities and remain in touch with the Indian Missions on published helpline numbers. Various other communication mechanisms are in place for the Indian nationals to approach the Indian Missions/posts by email, multilingual 24x7 emergency numbers, social media, toll free helplines, whatsapp numbers etc. Upon any emergent situation, Government launches evacuation operations, involving various stakeholders, to safely evacuate stranded Indian nationals from conflict zones. During evacuation process, 24x7 Control Rooms are operated at headquarters and abroad to provide information and assistance to the stranded Indian nationals and facilitate their evacuation. Government remains in constant touch with its counterparts in foreign governments to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals residing in war zones. It engages with various domestic and international airlines, shipping companies and travel agencies in coordination with Indian missions to facilitate safe evacuation of Indian nationals. The government is committed to ensure safety and well-being of Indian nationals abroad and initiate these efforts, upon eventualities.
