

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No- 106

ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2026

REPATRIATION OF INDIAN CITIZENS FROM IRAN

***106. SHRI. ANAND BHADAURIA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of political unrest in Iran on Indians residing there and it's likely impact on the national interests of India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has repatriated Indian citizens from Iran recently, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indians still stranded in Iran as on date along with the details of the efforts being made for their repatriation; and

(d) whether India has taken any steps to help resolve the issues between Iran and USA and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK
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INDIAN CITIZENS FROM IRAN” FOR ANSWER ON 06.02.2026**

The Government is closely monitoring the situation in Iran. The Embassy of India in Tehran is in regular contact with Indian nationals, including students, in Iran, and is providing them regular advice. The Government had issued travel advisories on 05 and 14 January 2026, urging avoidance of non-essential travel to Iran, advising Indians in Iran to leave via commercial flights and to stay alert. The Embassy continues to assist, advise, and guide Indian citizens as required.

Government does not currently view Indian nationals in Iran as stranded, given that Iranian airspace remains open and there is regular air connectivity between Iran and India and with the countries in the region. A special evacuation has therefore not been arranged by the Government so far. Government continues to assess the situation as circumstances evolve.

The last evacuation from Iran organized by the Government was under Operation Sindhu in June 2025, during which 3,597 Indian nationals were

evacuated. The evacuation was facilitated during the tensions between Iran and Israel. No evacuation has been organized from Iran since then.

There are about 9,000-10,000 Indian nationals across 16 provinces in Iran, which includes mainly students (and their families), workers, pilgrims, tourists, business persons and seafarers. Since Iranian airspace remains open as on date, Indian nationals wishing to leave Iran have been advised to do so using available means, including commercial flights.

On 14 January 2026, the Minister of External Affairs had a telephonic conversation with Iranian Foreign Minister Dr. Seyyed Abbas Araghchi. They discussed the evolving situation in and around Iran. India remains in touch with various interlocutors regarding the situation.
