

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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OVERSEAS DEATHS OF BIHAR NATIVES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several natives of Bihar have lost their life abroad during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the cause of such deaths (such as natural causes, accidents, suicide, crime, etc.), State-wise, particularly for Bihar; and

(c) the details and nature of assistance such as bilateral consular assistance, financial assistance extended to such families and expenditure incurred on repatriation of mortal remains provided by the Union Government and the Government of Bihar?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) As per the information available with the Ministry, the number of deaths of Indian citizens abroad during the last three years is placed at Annexure. State-wise information including Bihar is not available with the Ministry.

The safety, security and well being of Indian nationals living in foreign countries is one of the foremost priorities for the Government of India. Indian Missions/Posts abroad render all possible consular assistance to the Indian nationals, whenever required. Indian nationals can contact the Indian Missions/Posts abroad via walk-ins, email, social media platforms, 24x7 emergency telephone numbers and Toll Free Helplines established by Missions/Posts abroad, grievance redressal portals like MADAD, CPGRAMS etc for redressal of their grievances. Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayata Kendras (PBSKs) have been set up at Dubai, Sharjah, Riyadh, Jeddah and Kuala Lumpur to provide

assistance to Indian workers abroad. Shelter homes for distressed Indian nationals have also been set up at some Missions/Posts. Mission officials visit immigration offices and labour camps to address the complaints of Indian workers. Financial assistance to distressed Indians, if necessary, is provided through the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF). During emergency or crisis situations, our Missions/Posts abroad pro-actively help distressed/stranded Indian nationals in terms of providing food, shelter, medicine and helping their return to India. Apart from extending all possible consular assistance to Indian nationals, Indian Missions/Posts also assist in providing legal aid wherever needed. Missions/Posts maintain a local panel of lawyers where Indian community is in sizeable numbers. The details on the number of cases, along with assistance provided under ICWF, during the last five years are as follows:

Year	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure
2021	422	₹ 5,70,95,552

2022	507	₹ 8,65,44,255
2023	433	₹ 9,06,38,615
2024	488	₹ 11,96,50,424
2025 (up to September)	312	₹ 8,48,59,348

ANNEXURE

Country Name	The number of deaths of Indian citizens abroad during the last 3 years, year-wise		
	2023	2024	2025
Afghanistan	1	3	0
Albania	0	1	2
Algeria	3	3	5
Angola	2	12	12
Argentina	2	0	2
Armenia	23	42	34
Australia	199	200	215
Austria	14	16	20
Azerbaijan	5	2	5
Bahrain	304	287	268
Bangladesh	40	31	14
Belarus	5	4	4
Belgium	9	12	14
Bhutan	14	18	19
Brazil	5	7	3
Bulgaria	1	2	4
Burkina Faso	3	6	2
Cambodia	12	10	15
Cameroon	6	5	1
Canada	336	387	405
Chile	1	2	3

China	44	40	45
Colombia	4	1	1
Cote d'Ivoire	11	11	5
Croatia	2	4	6
Cuba	0	2	1
Cyprus	9	12	10
Czech Republic	4	5	5
Denmark	7	6	12
Djibouti	1	1	4
Dominican Republic	1	1	1
Democratic Republic of Congo	38	38	29
Egypt	14	19	15
Eritrea	0	1	0
Estonia	0	1	2
Ethiopia	4	6	6
Fiji	1	3	3
Finland	4	2	3
France	0	1	2
Gabon	0	0	3
Georgia	0	0	7
Germany	65	92	75
Ghana	16	25	16
Guatemala	2	2	2
Guinea	3	6	10

Guyana	3	0	6
Hungary	6	7	10
Iceland	2	0	0
Indonesia	35	36	38
Iran	20	13	9
Iraq	26	41	34
Israel	0	0	25
Italy	305	374	378
Jamaica	6	5	5
Japan	26	27	26
Jordan	19	8	17
Kazakhstan	4	8	3
Kenya	33	31	43
Kingdom of Eswatini	0	3	2
Kuwait	708	733	750
Kyrgyzstan	2	6	3
Lao PDR	1	5	9
Latvia	0	1	0
Lebanon	12	18	5
Libya	3	2	4
Lithuania	1	0	0
Madagascar	10	8	7
Malawi	7	9	11
Malaysia	477	526	434
Maldives	37	23	28

Mali	4	2	0
Malta	7	10	10
Mauritania	2	1	0
Mauritius	19	29	22
Mexico	7	19	10
Mongolia	0	0	1
Morocco	2	1	3
Mozambique	7	9	18
Myanmar	2	1	5
Namibia	1	1	1
Nepal	106	128	97
Netherlands	15	24	23
New Zealand	54	63	40
Niger	0	0	2
Nigeria	50	38	48
Norway	9	7	7
Oman	503	474	521
Pakistan	6	3	3
Panama	3	5	11
Papua New Guinea	1	1	2
Paraguay	1	0	0
Perú	1	1	2
Philippines	74	80	67
Poland	14	22	17
Portugal	26	46	37

Qatar	352	307	315
Republic of Congo	2	2	1
Republic of Korea	13	9	6
Romania	9	5	5
Russia	30	30	49
Rwanda	2	6	3
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	2693	2629	2659
Senegal	6	4	0
Serbia	2	5	6
Seychelles	9	12	13
Sierra Leone	4	10	11
Singapore	224	250	211
Slovak Republic	0	1	3
Slovenia	1	1	1
South Africa	51	46	38
South Sudan	0	3	4
Spain	0	0	38
Sri Lanka	27	41	29
Sudan	0	2	0
Suriname	4	2	1
Sweden	2	6	10
Switzerland	17	20	21
Syria	0	0	2
Tajikistan	0	1	0

Tanzania	1	1	1
Thailand	122	121	146
Timor -Leste	0	0	1
Trinidad & Tobago	0	1	0
Tunisia	1	2	1
Turkiye	2	5	1
Turkmenistan	1	0	0
UAE	2133	2571	2754
Uganda	45	36	24
UK	247	283	301
Ukraine	2	1	1
Uruguay	0	1	0
USA	1145	1201	947
Uzbekistan	7	13	8
Venezuela	1	0	0
Vietnam	14	12	21
Yemen	1	2	1
Zambia	14	17	30
Zimbabwe	5	4	3
Total	11,061	11,841	11,770
