

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIAN CITIZENS STUCK IN WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Indian citizens are stuck in the West Asian countries due to current war; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such standard Indian State-wise and country-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & b) More than 1 crore Indian nationals are residing in countries in West Asia and the Gulf region. Details of country-wise Indian population residing in these countries are attached at Annexure-I.

Due to the prevailing situation in West Asia, Indian nationals visiting the region or transiting through it, including tourists, students, pilgrims etc., faced difficulties on account of airspace closures and flight cancellations. Indian Embassies in the region have facilitated the travel of these Indian nationals to India by regular as well as non-scheduled commercial flights. Till 21 March 2026, over 3.75 lakh Indian passengers have travelled from these countries to India.

Annexure-I

Country-wise Indian population residing in West Asian countries

Sl. No.	Name of country	No. of Indian nationals currently residing (approximately)
1.	Iran	9,000
2.	Israel	42,000
3.	Bahrain	3,15,000
4.	UAE	43,26,248
5.	Kuwait	10,59,179
6.	Saudi Arabia	27,47,551
7.	Iraq	25,000
8.	Yemen	4,000
9.	Qatar	8,30,000
10.	Oman	6,74,950
11.	Lebanon	1500
12.	Palestine	10
13.	Jordan	17900
14.	Syria	50
Total		1,00,52,388
