

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2961
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2016**

EVACUATION OF INDIANS STRANDED IN SOUTH SUDAN

**2961. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYKUMAR:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:
SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian Nationals stuck in war-torn South Sudan;**
- (b) whether any case of casualty of Indians or their loss to property has been reported from South Sudan and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Operation Sankat Mochan has been launched by the Government to evacuate Indian National stuck in war-torn South Sudan and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the number of Indian Nationals who are still to be evacuated;
and**

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for safe evacuation of Indian Nationals from war-torn South Sudan?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)**

(a) No Indian National is stuck in South Sudan. There are around 700 Indians. Their number keeps on fluctuating depending on their service conditions.

(b) Our Embassy in Juba has not received any report of casualty of any Indian national or loss to their property.

(c) to (e) The Government of India, in order to alleviate the difficulties faced by our nationals in South Sudan, launched Operation Sankat Mochan on 14th-15th July under which 153 Indians and 2 citizens of Nepal were evacuated. No other Indian national is desirous of being evacuated from South Sudan. Normalcy has returned to Juba, with operations of regular commercial flights.
