

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2081
ANSWERED ON 31/07/2026

EXPENDITURE ON EVACUATION OPERATIONS

2081 SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI
SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE
SHRI VISHWESHWAR HEGDE KAGERI
SHRI NALIN SOREN
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

**(a) the mission-wise expenditure incurred by the Government on
evacuation of Indian nationals from foreign countries during the last
five years;**

**(b) the number of Indian nationals evacuated, State/UT-wise,
including Telangana;**

(c) the number of Indian nationals who could not be evacuated or remained stranded, along with reasons therefor;

(d) whether any private or chartered arrangements were used for the evacuation, if so, the details of the expenditure shared by evacuees and the Government separately;

(e) the steps taken to strengthen real-time registration, mission coordination and communication with families during evacuation operations; and

(f) the specific difficulties faced by Indian Missions in coordinating evacuation operations, including any diplomatic bottlenecks with host Government?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (f) Government of India evacuated over 32 thousand stranded Indian nationals from several foreign countries under various special

evacuation operations in last five years. List of India's evacuation operations during last five years along with expenditure details are attached at Annexure-I. State-wise list of evacuated Indian nationals under these operations is attached at Annexure-II.

After the onset of the West Asia crisis in 2026, Indian Embassies/Consulates facilitated the return to India of Indian nationals by arranging transit visas, local accommodation and transportation, cross-border movements, etc. Country-wise list these facilitated returns is attached at Annexure-III.

To ensure safety, security and well-being of Indian nationals abroad, Government follow a structured, multi-layered mechanism to closely monitor the emergent situations. Based on prevailing circumstances, Government issues advisories to caution Indian nationals and remain in contact with Indian Missions. Various communication mechanisms are put in place for Indian nationals to reach Indian Missions/Posts, including email, multilingual 24x7 emergency numbers, social media, toll-free helplines & WhatsApp numbers. Indian Missions remain in connect with Indian community groups to swiftly share the crucial updates. During evacuation operations, 24x7 Control Rooms are

operated at headquarters and abroad to provide information and assistance to the stranded Indian nationals and their families and facilitate the evacuation. Government is also undertaking final trials of a digital emergency response solution for use during evacuation operations. The solution provides a platform for stranded Indian nationals to register with basic and real-time information, along with geo-tagging locations and seek assistance during crisis situations.

During evacuation operations, Government provides logistical support, including safe shelter, meals, local and cross-border movement and transportation and special evacuation flights as needed. Government also engages with various domestic and international airlines, shipping companies and transport logistics agencies in coordination with Indian missions to facilitate safe evacuation of Indian nationals.

Evacuation operations in conflict zones involves challenges related to security, airspace restriction, loss of connectivity, restricted land movements, etc., which are addressed in coordination with other Indian government agencies, Indian Missions and foreign governments. Throughout any crisis, Government remains in continuous contact with

concerned foreign governments through diplomatic channels to ensure the safety and well-being of Indian nationals abroad, as also to coordinate evacuation operations.

**DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT'S EVACUATIONS/OPERATIONS DURING
LAST FIVE YEARS**

Year	Country & Name of the Operation	Total number of Indian nationals evacuated	Expenditure incurred
2021	Afghanistan Operation Devi Shakti	669 <i>(including 15 other foreign nationals and 206 Afghans, which includes members of the Afghan Hindu/Sikh minority)</i>	1.90 crore
2022	Ukraine Operation Ganga	18,282	116.58 crore
2023	Sudan Operation Kaveri	4,097 <i>(including 136 foreign nationals)</i>	45.63 crore
2023	Israel Operation Ajay	1,343 <i>(including 14 OCI card holders and 20 foreign nationals)</i>	16.87 crore
2024	Haiti Operation Indravati	17	48.34 lakh
2024	Kuwait <i>(Special Humanitarian Airlift of deceased Indian nationals)</i>	45 (mortal remains)	12.84 lakh
2025	Iran Operation Sindhu	3,597	27.68 crore
2025	Israel	818	

	Operation Sindhu		
2024-25	Syria	86	39.95 lakh
2022-2025	Iraq	135	16.96 lakh
2025-2026	Myanmar-Thailand Border (Repatriation of Indian nationals from Myawaddy-Thailand Border)	1,741	76 lakh
2025	Sri Lanka HADR Operation Sagar Bandhu	424 (evacuated by special IAF flights on gratis basis) and 2,076 (facilitated by commercial flights)	5.80 lakh
2026	Iran via Armenia (Cross-border movement of Indian nationals from Iran via Armenia to return by available flights during recent West Asia crisis)	2,557	6.05 Crore

**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF INDIAN NATIONALS EVACUATED UNDER
VARIOUS OPERATIONS****State-wise list of Indians evacuated under Operation Ganga**

Sl. No.	State / Union Territory	Number of Citizens
1	Andaman & Nicobar	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	682
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4	Assam	53
5	Bihar	1003
6	Chandigarh	52
7	Chhattisgarh	210
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	5
9	Daman & Diu	5
10	Delhi	681
11	Goa	18
12	Gujarat	1020
13	Haryana	1436
14	Himachal Pradesh	289
15	Jammu & Kashmir	128
16	Jharkhand	158
17	Karnataka	615
18	Kerala	3343
19	Lakshadweep	4
20	Madhya Pradesh	412
21	Maharashtra	1025
22	Manipur	23
23	Meghalaya	40
24	Mizoram	1
25	Nagaland	4
26	Odisha	397
27	Pondicherry	28
28	Punjab	609
29	Rajasthan	934
30	Sikkim	26

31	Tamil Nadu	1479
32	Telangana	667
33	Tripura	32
34	Uttar Pradesh	1917
35	Uttarakhand	257
36	West Bengal	343
37	State name not available	272
	Total	18282

State-wise list of Indians evacuated under Operation Kaveri

Sl No.	States	Number of Citizens
1	Andhra Pradesh	106
2	Assam	13
3	Bihar	370
4	Chandigarh	1
5	Chhattisgarh	3
6	Delhi	27
7	Gujarat	492
8	Haryana	39
9	Himachal Pradesh	25
10	Jammu and Kashmir	1
11	Jharkhand	62
12	Karnataka	418
13	Kerala	172
14	Madhya Pradesh	20
15	Maharashtra	337
16	Manipur	1
17	Nagaland	3
18	Odisha	86
19	Punjab	62
20	Pondicherry	7
21	Rajasthan	87
22	Tamil Nadu	244
23	Telangana	129
24	Uttar Pradesh	800

25	Uttarakhand	24
26	West Bengal	52
27	State name not available	380
	Total Indian Citizens	3961
	Foreign Nationals (British- 3 + Sudanese-124 + Nepalese – 9)	136
	Grand Total (3961 + 136)	4097

State-wise list of Indians evacuated under Operation Ajay

Sl. No.	State	Number of Citizens
1.	Andhra Pradesh	45
2.	Assam	20
3.	Bihar	29
4.	Chattisgarh	6
5.	Delhi	36
6.	Goa	3
7.	Gujarat	34
8.	Haryana	28
9.	Himachal Pradesh	18
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	9
11.	Jharkhand	13
12.	Karnataka	39
13.	Kerala	121
14.	Madhya Pradesh	14
15.	Maharashtra	108
16.	Manipur	23
17.	Meghalaya	2
18.	Mizoram	1
19.	Nagaland	2
20.	Odisha	20
21.	Punjab	9
22.	Rajasthan	33
23.	Sikkim	11
24.	Tamil Nadu	131
25.	Telangana	70

26.	Uttar Pradesh	145
27.	Uttarakhand	14
28.	West Bengal	248
29.	State Name not available	77
30.	Total Indian Citizens	1309
	OCI Card holders (14) & Nepalese (20)	34
	Grand Total (1309 + 34)	1343

State-wise list of Indians evacuated from Haiti to Dominican Republic under Operation Indravati

Sl. No.	State	Number of Citizens
1.	Gujarat	1
2.	Karnataka	1
3.	Kerala	1
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1
5.	Maharashtra	1
6.	New Delhi	1
7.	Odisha	1
8.	Tamil Nadu	3
9.	Telangana	1
10.	UP	2
11.	State name not available	4
	Total	17

State-wise list of mortal remains brought back to India from Kuwait

Sl.No	State/UT	Number of Citizens
1.	Uttar Pradesh	3
2.	Karnataka	1
3.	Maharashtra	1
4.	Tamil Nadu	7
5.	Bihar	2
6.	Kerala	23

7.	Andhra Pradesh	3
8.	West Bengal	1
9.	Jharkhand	1
10.	Punjab	1
11.	Odisha	2
	TOTAL	45

State-wise list of Indians evacuated from Iran under Operation Sindhu

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Citizens
1.	Uttar Pradesh	1198
2.	J&K	1521
3.	Laddakh	223
4.	Karnataka	135
5.	Delhi	114
6.	Maharashtra	89
7.	Tamil Nadu	71
8.	Gujarat	56
9.	Bihar	50
10.	Telangana	31
11.	Kerala	21
12.	Andhra Pradesh	26
13.	Madhya Pradesh	15
14.	West Bengal	13
15.	Haryana	8
16.	Rajasthan	6
17.	Uttrakhand	4
18.	Jharkhand	3
19.	Punjab	10
20.	Chattisgarh	2
21.	Odisha	1

	Total	3597
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State-wise list of Indians evacuated from Israel under Operation Sindhu

Sl.No	State / UT	Number of Citizens
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	3
4.	Bihar	30
5.	Chandigarh	1
6.	Chhattisgarh	2
7.	Delhi	39
8.	Goa	2
9.	Gujarat	32
10.	Haryana	21
11.	Himachal Pradesh	7
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	6
13.	Jharkhand	7
14.	Karnataka	32
15.	Kerala	62
16.	Madhya Pradesh	4
17.	Maharashtra	93
18.	Manipur	2
19.	Odisha	16
20.	Puducherry	5
21.	Punjab	8
22.	Rajasthan	25
23.	Ranchi	2
24.	Sikkim	2
25.	Tamil Nadu	74
26.	Telangana	37

27.	Uttar Pradesh	92
28.	Uttarakhand	12
29.	West Bengal	151
	TOTAL	818

State-wise list of Indians evacuated from Syria in 2024-25

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Number of Citizens
1.	J & K	45
2.	Bihar	14
3.	Uttar Pradesh	07
4.	Andhra Pradesh	05
5.	Tamil Nadu	05
6.	Odisha	01
7.	Rajasthan	01
8.	Assam	01
9.	Haryana	01
10.	Punjab	01
11.	West Begal	02
12.	Kerala	01
13.	Puducherry (UT)	01
14.	Telangana	01
	TOTAL	86

State-wise list of Indians evacuated from Iraq in 2022-2025

Sl.No.	State / UT	No. of Citizens
1.	Uttar Pradesh	32

2.	West Bengal	26
3.	Bihar	18
4.	Tamil Nadu	10
5.	Andhra Pradesh	13
6.	Telangana	2
7.	Gujarat	3
8.	Rajasthan	8
9.	Kerala	3
10.	Uttarakhand	2
11.	Haryana	2
12.	Chhattisgarh	1
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1
15.	Delhi	2
16.	Punjab	7
17.	Jharkhand	1
18.	Himachal Pradesh	1
19.	Hyderabad	2
	Total	135

State-wise list of Indians repatriated from Thailand-Myanmar Border in 2025-2026

Sl.No.	State / UT	Number of Citizens
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	02
2.	Andhra Pradesh	137
3.	Assam	11
4.	Bihar	54
5.	Chandigarh	07
6.	Chhattisgarh	02
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and	06

	Daman and Diu	
8.	Delhi	37
9.	Goa	04
10.	Gujarat	129
11.	Haryana	110
12.	Himachal Pradesh	45
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	42
14.	Jharkhand	24
15.	Karnataka	95
16.	Kerala	37
17.	Madhya Pradesh	14
18.	Maharashtra	209
19.	Manipur	01
20.	Mizoram	01
21.	Odisha	11
22.	Puducherry	02
23.	Punjab	125
24.	Rajasthan	76
25.	Tamil Nadu	123
26.	Telangana	105
27.	Uttar Pradesh	206
28.	Uttarakhand	53
29.	West Bengal	73
	TOTAL	1741

**State-wise list of Indians facilitated from Iran to cross over Armenia
through land-borders**

Sl. No.	State / UT	Number of Citizens
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14
2.	Bihar	112

3.	Delhi	40
4.	Gujarat	91
5.	Haryana	25
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	980
7.	Jharkhand	04
8.	Karnataka	32
9.	Kerala	43
10.	Ladakh	293
11.	Madhya Pradesh	03
12.	Maharashtra	51
13.	Odisha	08
14.	Puducherry	14
15.	Punjab	19
16.	Rajasthan	22
17.	Tamil Nadu	585
18.	Telangana	03
19.	Uttar Pradesh	192
20.	Uttarakhand	08
21.	West Bengal	18
22.	Foreign National (Bangladesh)	01
23.	Foreign National (Guyana)	01
24.	Foreign National (Sri Lanka)	01
	Total	2560

Annexure-III**Indian nationals facilitated to return to India by the Indian Embassies/Consulates in the wake of West Asia Crisis 2026**

Sl.No.	Details of assistance	No. of Indian nationals assisted
1	Bahrain (Assistance to obtain Saudi-transit visas)	2500
2	Lebanon (Assistance to obtain flight clearances for repatriation from Lebanon)	354
3	Israel (facilitated exit via Jordan)	248
4	Jordan (Assistance to Indian nationals within Jordan and cross-border movements from Iraq and Israel)	1165
5	Qatar (facilitated travel upon partial opening of airspace)	1,00,000
6	Kuwait (facilitated Saudi transit visas and non-scheduled flight operations)	30,000
7	Iraq (assisted in cross-border movements)	3225
8	Armenia (assisted in cross-border movements)	3008
9	Oman	105
Total		1,40,605
