

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021

REQUEST FOR EVACUATION FROM INDIAN CITIZENS

2645. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

(a) whether Government has received any requests to evacuate Indian citizens trapped in other countries;

(b) if so, the number of request received from different age groups such as students, tourists etc. country-wise, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided any special assistance to Indian citizens trapped in other countries due to COVID-19;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of assistance provided to Indians in other countries; and

(f) the details of the funds spent on missions for assistance?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) During the Covid pandemic lockdown, Government of India received requests from stranded Indians in foreign countries for their repatriation to India. A country-wise list is attached at **Annexure-I**. Since most Indian nationals stranded in foreign countries have safely returned to their homes, the incoming passengers are now being treated as 'International Arrivals'.

(c) to (f) Our Missions abroad have arranged for the welfare of Indian nationals, where required, including through Indian community associations. In some cases, arrangements were also made for boarding, lodging and emergency medical assistance under the Indian Community Welfare Fund. As on 31 December 2020, the total expenditure incurred by Missions in assisting Indian nationals in distress from the Indian Community Welfare Fund was close to Rs. 33.5 Crores.

Annexure-I to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2645

COUNTRY	REPATRIATION REQUEST RECEIVED
Afghanistan	843
Algeria	1302
Anguilla	741
Argentina	27
Armenia	1082
Australia	36087
Azerbaijan	55
Bahrain	49894
Bangladesh	11927
Barbados	952
Belarus	456
Belgium	392
Belize	1
Benin	428
Bhutan	7897
Botswana	209
Brazil	704
Brunei Darussalam	1410
Bulgaria	267
Burkina Faso	22
Burundi	18
Cambodia	739
Cameroon	181
Canada	52649
Chad	30
Chile	67
China	2837
Colombia	57
Congo Republic of	591
Cote d'Ivoire	848
Croatia	19
Cyprus	161
Czech Republic	10
Democratic Republic of Congo	1162
Denmark	68
Djibouti	110
Dominica Ecuador	28
Egypt	1051

Equatorial Guinea	5
Eritrea	31
Ethiopia	1138
Fiji	329
Finland	224
France	16787
Georgia	1245
Germany	52179
Ghana	1515
Greece	235
Guatemala	9
Guinea	281
Guyana	9
Hungary	34
Iceland	5
Indonesia	4924
Iran	6164
Iraq	7309
Ireland	946
Israel	925
Italy	14828
Jamaica	512
Japan	4721
Jordan	1013
Kazakhstan	4695
Kenya	2525
Korea Republic of (South)	182
Kuwait	151494
Kyrgyzstan	14191
Laos	1
Latvia	85
Lebanon	605
Lithuania	26
Madagascar	172
Malawi	284
Malaysia	37443
Maldives	12309
Mali	51
Malta	129
Mauritania	359
Mauritius	1045
Mexico	397
Morocco	96

Mozambique	198
Myanmar	1507
Namibia	3
Nepal	26375
Netherlands	10089
New Zealand	3786
Nigeria	11590
Norway	488
Oman	115702
Pakistan	833
Panama	16
Papua New Guinea	44
Peru	65
Philippines	10140
Poland	465
Portugal	145
Qatar	169862
Russia	15771
Rwanda	85
Saudi Arabia	179229
Senegal	301
Seychelles	1280
Sierra Leone	980
Singapore	57801
Slovak Republic	8
Slovenia	2
Somalia	145
South Africa	2540
South Korea	294
South Sudan	235
Spain	477
Sri Lanka	7990
St Denis	157
St Lucia	36
St Vincent Grenadines	8
Sudan	1242
Suriname	323
Sweden	1602
Switzerland	78
Syria	9
Tajikistan	1490
Tanzania	1758
Thailand	2708
Togo	246

Trinidad and Tobago	67
Tunisia	41
Turkey	241
Turkmenistan	80
UAE	711358
Uganda	1389
Ukraine	12541
Union of Comoros	2
United Kingdom	89900
USA	96505
Uzbekistan	898
Venezuela	4
Vietnam	2034
Zambia	288
