

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.399**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

**INDIANS BROUGHT BACK DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

399. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR :

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students who went abroad for studies during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of Indians living in foreign countries for employment, country-wise; and
- (c) the number of Indians brought back from foreign countries, country-wise under Vande Bharat Mission during the COVID-19 pandemic, State-wise details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) The total number of students who went abroad in the last five years as per Bureau of Immigration is as follows:

2016	-	3,71,506
2017	-	4,56,823
2018	-	5,20,342
2019	-	5,88,931
2020	-	2,61,406

State-wise figures are difficult to ascertain as a student domiciled in one State could have departed from another State. However, as per the issuance of passport, the numbers from different States are given at Annexure –I.

- (b) As per data provided by Bureau of Immigration, 1,37,89,439 Indians have traveled overseas in the last five years (01.01.2016 to 30.06.2021), on employment visa. The country-wise data is given at Annexure-II.

- (c) Total number of Indians brought back from foreign countries during Covid-19 under Vande Bharat Mission as on 30 April 2021 is 60,92,264. A summary sheet of the persons repatriated and country and State-wise details are placed at Annexure III.

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NUMBER OF INDIANS GOING ABROAD FOR STUDIES						
STATE (AS PER THE PLACE (RPO) OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT)	YEAR					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (TILL 28.02.2021)
ANDHRA PRADESH	46818	56093	62771	69465	35614	11790
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	11	45	65	94	30	8
ASSAM	2469	3056	3948	4291	1378	519
BIHAR	2352	3345	4399	4888	1384	478
CHANDIGARH	18916	23257	26211	32528	13988	2638
CHHATTISGARH	1676	2134	2565	2681	801	265
DELHI	27016	32051	35844	40934	18482	4963
GOA	979	1138	1244	1247	501	121
GUJARAT	24775	33751	41413	48051	23156	6383
HARYANA	5284	7374	9802	12709	6944	1022
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1832	2114	2297	2247	779	194
J&K	3203	6067	8036	9150	4275	1275
JHARKHAND	1677	2147	2333	2519	884	277
KARNATAKA	17719	24030	26918	29314	13699	4176
KERALA	18428	22093	26456	30948	15277	5040
MADHYA PRADESH	5190	6479	7583	8285	3284	1160
MAHARASHTRA	45560	56640	58850	64653	29079	10166
MANIPUR	245	576	1199	1475	343	213
MEGHALAYA	67	151	242	308	96	42
MIZORAM	20	93	78	96	28	6
NAGALAND	42	109	195	347	124	42
ODISHA	1932	2462	2757	2982	1140	309
PUDUCHEERY	0	48	189	376	202	73
PUNJAB	36743	52160	60331	73574	33412	5791
RAJASTHAN	10698	14431	16897	17287	5557	1310
SIKKIM	36	81	169	211	87	14
TAMIL NADU	27518	36261	38983	41488	15564	4355
TELANGANA	0	0	2	433	674	311
TRIPURA	13	47	110	180	75	31
UTTAR PRADESH	13776	16949	20246	21941	8618	2429
UTTARAKHAND	2611	3149	3719	3982	1789	395
WEST BENGAL	8495	12593	14759	15966	6335	1722
PASSPORT ISSUED FROM INDIAN MISSION ABROAD	45405	37899	39731	44281	17807	4251
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371506</b>	<b>456823</b>	<b>520342</b>	<b>588931</b>	<b>261406</b>	<b>71769</b>

<b>COUNTRY WISE LIST OF INDIAN NATIONALS WHO WENT ABROAD FOR EMPLOYMENT FROM 01.01.2016 TO 30.06.2021 (AS ON 16.7.2021)</b>						
<b>COUNTRY NAME</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
AFGHANISTAN	3925	3819	3768	4413	1610	1105
ALAND ISLANDS	143	24	17	6	1	2
ALBANIA	42	65	50	36	10	6
ALGERIA	2931	2744	2869	2623	577	410
AMERICAN SAMOA	30	13	15	11	1	0
ANDORRA	63	42	43	50	15	1
ANGOLA	2582	2338	2153	2118	816	750
ANGUILLA	13	7	7	11	4	1
ANTARTICA	8	5	2	2	0	0
ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS	39	20	32	17	22	8
ARGENTINA	206	220	189	129	35	14
ARMENIA	310	87	77	59	17	52
ARUBA	49	39	34	20	12	10
AUSTRALIA	31366	36242	35570	37214	12654	585
AUSTRIA	1006	838	662	628	311	148
AZERBAIJAN	559	477	551	365	79	51
BAHAMAS	2148	1378	1113	777	174	109
BAHRAIN	96004	94209	78671	62501	21626	17076
BANGLADESH	8124	12118	15363	18954	9620	4677
BARBADOS	71	82	59	64	25	2
BELARUS	100	94	86	101	26	17
BELGIUM	2251	2666	2571	2295	925	426
BELIZE	42	36	29	19	5	6
BENIN	206	229	213	177	114	90
BERMUDA	454	264	400	307	87	47
BHUTAN	621	582	622	581	323	472
BOLIVIA	55	41	38	41	9	4
BOSNIA	15	9	11	23	1	3
BOTSWANA	738	807	672	946	279	233
BOUVET ISLAND	2	3	2	0	0	0
BRAZIL	1441	1166	810	797	233	131
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY	21	4	8	7	2	0
BRUNEI	6201	6763	6617	5949	1245	229
BULGARIA	68	66	62	103	64	17
BURKINA FASO	159	252	245	242	177	145
BURUNDI	127	141	162	202	98	119
CAMBODIA	1036	810	878	1452	216	14
CAMEROON	314	377	312	309	121	138
CANADA	24551	29052	37995	54023	31128	12320
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	8	7	10	13	4	0
CAYMAN ISLANDS	302	404	440	551	123	60
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	85	117	97	116	38	37
CHAD	143	132	133	147	43	13

CHILE	277	243	191	196	46	24
CHINA	9396	8401	8298	8696	1412	11
CHRISTMAS ISLANDS	5	4	0	7	1	0
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	9	20	23	6	1	0
COG(CONGO)	3091	3820	3445	3318	1302	1097
COLOMBIA	215	234	170	209	97	58
COMOROS	70	39	48	34	10	11
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	300	319	337	521	467	458
COOK ISLANDS	9	19	6	4	0	0
COSTA RICA	37	42	34	49	16	8
CUBA	577	318	196	70	43	263
CYPRUS	1507	2233	2257	2398	828	580
CZECH	401	607	620	878	414	283
DENMARK	2122	1953	1602	1593	718	326
DJIBOUTI	441	531	370	384	136	99
DOMINICA	70	55	22	21	26	17
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	48	45	31	12	10	6
EAST TIMOR (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	414	391	275	221	70	23
ECUADOR	93	79	87	75	42	27
EGYPT	1978	2080	1581	1269	403	202
EL SALVADOR	22	12	9	4	4	0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	145	143	82	110	49	44
ERITREA	166	161	106	162	26	4
ESTONIA	136	131	130	242	103	53
ETHIOPIA	3203	2924	2250	2027	1256	769
FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINES)	70	29	22	23	6	3
FAROE ISLANDS	4	1	2	2	1	0
FIJI	244	333	378	432	94	15
FINLAND	721	670	560	461	183	121
FRANCE	3584	3157	3448	3480	1433	787
FRANCE METROPOLITAN	7	2	1	1	0	2
FRENCH GUIANA	9	4	4	4	2	0
FRENCH POLYNESIA	2	0	3	2	1	0
FRENCH SOUTHERN TERRITORIES	0	1	2	1	0	0
GABON	1157	1002	1011	851	522	419
GAMBIA	82	73	83	98	30	35
GEORGIA	566	373	189	148	52	18
GERMANY	16233	18452	17889	18698	7895	5324
GHANA	1692	1673	1438	1406	658	491
GIBRALTAR	30	27	25	11	8	0
GREECE	1949	1367	962	728	351	146
GREENLAND	5	2	1	0	1	0
GRENADA	23	30	29	24	10	3
GUADELOUPE	13	3	2	2	1	0
GUAM	6	0	2	1	0	0

GUATEMALA	18	20	17	7	5	0
GUINEA	456	635	666	852	397	219
GUINEA BISSAU	36	58	44	39	17	18
GUYANA	76	77	68	124	45	65
HAITI	483	362	228	124	26	16
HEARD AND MCDONALD ISLANDS	4	4	4	3	0	0
HONDURAS	33	29	27	23	10	1
HONG KONG	7939	8169	7742	9390	2789	542
HUNGARY	568	613	866	918	543	355
ICELAND	1172	652	399	226	79	36
INDONESIA	4637	5123	5441	5263	1973	632
IRAN	2102	1756	1259	730	366	196
IRAQ	7193	7507	10128	12273	3568	2477
IRELAND	4184	4963	5602	6238	2974	2048
ISRAEL	3487	3998	5177	5940	2292	1066
ITALY	15550	9086	7710	6634	3356	1258
IVORY COST	552	937	973	952	534	513
JAMAICA	715	696	593	546	102	41
JAPAN	7033	6392	5951	6436	2353	267
JERSEY	0	0	0	9	7	1
JORDAN	4926	6089	5596	7728	790	1141
KAZAKHSTAN	5845	4943	3467	4908	928	220
KENYA	4169	4489	3649	3048	1340	726
KIRIBATI	218	212	153	157	59	0
KOREA(DPR)	366	135	89	58	29	15
KOREA(REPUBLIC OF)	2905	2377	1923	1900	750	388
KUWAIT	274302	235074	215665	173206	30119	2951
KYRGHYZSTAN	200	211	203	212	39	29
LAOS	418	354	329	253	91	4
LATVIA	73	104	122	148	26	18
LEBANON	1987	1399	1440	979	213	249
LESOTHO	53	58	51	53	11	15
LIBERIA	363	318	237	237	208	76
LIBYA	219	57	51	43	9	35
LIECHTENSTEIN	5	2	5	4	0	1
LITHUANIA	72	72	68	135	55	27
LUXEMBOURG	285	328	373	400	224	178
MACAU	1288	913	665	469	86	11
MACEDONIA	34	16	13	19	5	0
MADAGASCAR	324	441	368	389	120	62
MALAWI	1232	1527	971	860	375	212
MALAYSIA	74765	78884	79145	64747	14535	980
MALDIVES	14195	17944	10803	15813	7938	5227
MALI	339	452	567	540	297	261
MALTA	381	635	1656	1926	1040	166
MARSHALL ISLANDS	11	14	14	4	4	3
MARTINIQUE	22	14	11	10	3	5

MAURITANIA	179	158	220	413	115	126
MAURITIUS	2606	3175	4159	6816	1949	416
MAYOTTE	5	3	6	3	2	1
MEXICO	1146	1213	1343	749	321	439
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	59	39	22	28	3	0
MOLDOVA	22	20	21	14	3	3
MONACO	203	62	38	28	7	1
MONGOLIA	105	122	124	156	33	113
MONTENEGRO	17	17	16	8	4	1
MONTSERRAT	12	7	1	6	4	0
MOROCCO	453	379	332	246	88	77
MOZAMBIQUE	1093	1030	889	1168	523	678
MYANMAR	1471	1768	1542	1851	727	148
NAMIBIA	1150	1221	1012	602	218	171
NAURU	36	32	30	17	5	1
NEPAL	2677	2663	2725	2354	680	356
NETHERLANDS	5016	5704	6314	6664	2626	1442
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	109	65	65	51	20	13
NEUTRAL ZONE	6	4	3	7	1	0
NEW CALEDONIA	119	124	109	109	55	0
NEW ZEALAND	9632	12924	14351	17312	8063	282
NICARAGUA	135	108	58	37	14	1
NIGER	577	405	426	718	146	110
NIGERIA	10566	10039	9539	12659	7759	4722
NIUE ISLAND	25	30	8	7	1	0
NORFOLK ISLAND	27	34	22	17	8	2
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	4	4	4	1	2	1
NORWAY	1267	1295	1303	1353	517	133
OMAN	290874	270186	193608	145418	39156	32610
OTHERS	1671	4826	8839	8137	8346	3449
PAKISTAN	195	233	212	202	79	26
PALAU	12	15	6	16	4	1
PALESTINIAN	3	1	5	1	0	0
PANAMA	338	145	70	44	22	7
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	526	581	571	700	349	78
PARAGUAY	36	51	31	26	9	0
PERSON OF UNSPECIFIED NATIONALITY	7	0	0	0	0	0
PERU	92	76	37	36	14	1
PHILLIPPINES	3062	3309	2866	3018	825	127
PITCAIRN	4	5	4	1	0	0
POLAND	1150	1463	1914	1941	1424	1107
PORTUGAL	780	375	379	515	295	288
PUERTO RICO	21	10	10	10	1	0
QATAR	296197	279667	258326	198582	46512	72727
REFUGEE	21	5	0	0	0	0
REFUGEE (NON-	337	123	0	0	0	0

CONVENTIONAL) OTHER THAN XXB						
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAIWAN	1169	869	695	638	202	59
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	116	47	102	426	197	162
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	43	37	26	28	11	11
RESIDENT OF KOSOVO (UNMK)	25	11	12	10	0	4
REUNION ISLANDS	40	45	36	36	6	1
ROMANIA	224	168	332	1523	997	1200
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2671	3394	3714	4233	1532	906
RWANDA	588	562	557	670	289	246
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS	70	107	123	132	37	10
SAINT HELENA	1111	524	310	180	47	2
SAINT LUCIA	94	64	48	51	10	8
SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON	22	9	6	2	0	0
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	12	9	9	8	3	0
SAMOA	20	17	9	7	2	0
SAN MARINO	31	11	14	3	1	1
SAO TOME AND PRINCIP	196	78	46	42	9	0
SAUDI ARABIA	813960	540893	363921	469576	105056	5798
SENEGAL	880	1162	550	433	229	204
SERBIA	50	37	65	346	147	206
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	16	7	1	3	0	1
SEYCHELLES	4042	5061	5277	6654	1697	694
SIERRA LEONE	816	459	468	507	230	185
SINGAPORE	201886	194057	201930	203069	48850	11411
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	75	68	48	138	69	19
SOLOMON ISLANDS	84	58	59	40	10	8
SOMALIA	275	391	386	388	162	128
SOUTH AFRICA	7046	7270	6239	5475	1901	1104
SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	10	4	5	0	0	1
SOUTH SUDAN	846	784	695	1001	554	477
SPAIN	3093	1731	1401	1265	570	302
SRI LANKA	5619	5493	6484	6521	1874	982
STATELESS	8	6	0	0	0	0
SUDAN	2445	2294	1784	1755	781	337
SURINAME	54	25	51	41	7	3
SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN ISLANDS	6	1	2	2	0	1
SWAZILAND	996	632	513	363	124	81
SWEDEN	2606	2623	2189	2252	1058	736
SWITZERLAND	2461	2315	1883	1823	862	512
SYRIA	75	80	93	50	10	16
TANZANIA	3333	3282	2644	2127	792	564
TAZIKISTAN	168	138	106	90	71	43
THAILAND	8136	7672	7255	8095	2202	536
TIBENTIAN ORIGIN	21	8	5	3	0	0

TOGO	232	171	105	135	149	83
TOKELAU	2	4	5	3	0	0
TONGA	10	7	2	5	3	0
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	250	172	147	138	23	49
TUNISIA	169	121	83	72	15	17
TURKEY	2158	2497	1420	1046	337	217
TURKMENISTAN	652	609	733	406	96	3
TURKS AND CAICOS ISL	38	54	44	33	12	6
TUVALU	6	1	4	2	0	0
UGANDA	13017	5938	5193	4659	1747	1129
UK BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN	1293	565	480	240	146	25
UK BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEES)	839	274	100	43	16	8
UK BRITISH OVERSEES CITIZEN	289	79	30	13	13	1
UK BRITISH PROTECTED PERSON	208	67	17	9	6	3
UK BRITISH SUBJECT	694	227	118	160	58	28
UKRAINE	763	431	325	531	289	333
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	133078 2	113154 1	792973	535443	13457 0	34015
UNITED KINGDOM	40088	32062	29329	30274	13702	8166
UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION	146	102	94	79	34	20
UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCY	689	597	402	695	227	35
UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	121	91	65	80	64	6
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	199002	214685	215218	236262	94874	44472
URUGUAY	150	116	148	243	54	71
UZBEKISTAN	748	630	693	1414	940	495
VANUATU	84	58	61	54	9	4
VATICAN CITY - HOLY SEE	37	9	5	6	2	0
VENEZUELA	89	74	52	28	8	1
VIETNAM	2056	2413	2417	2806	1028	268
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)	16	20	17	32	5	2
VIRGIN ISLANDS(US)	14	6	2	3	0	0
WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS	140	196	82	41	6	9
WESTERN SAHARA	3	4	2	2	0	0
YEMEN	619	518	224	136	23	8
YUGOSLAVIA	80	83	47	16	1	0
ZAMBIA	2298	2515	2508	2523	1320	956
ZIMBABWE	229	274	278	279	145	137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>398241 6</b>	<b>344236 1</b>	<b>279748 4</b>	<b>253220 9</b>	<b>72377 9</b>	<b>311190</b>

**Total number repatriated to India during Covid-19 under Vande Bharat Mission as on 30 April 2021:**

<b>SUMMARY SHEET 30 APRIL 2021 9AM</b>	
AIR INDIA and AIR INDIA EXP	1879968
DEPORTEE	2591
AMNESTY	7344
CHARTERED	3692216
OTHER FOREIGN CARRIERS	4007
NAVAL SHIPS	3987
LAND BORDER CROSSINGS	502151
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6092264</b>

**Country wise number of Repatriated Indians as on 30.04.2021**

<b>COUNTRY WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL 30.04.2021</b>	
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS</b>
AFGHANISTAN	35869
ALGERIA	1338
ANGOLA	770
ARMENIA	722
AUSTRALIA	12903
AUSTRIA	4
AZERBAIJAN	186
BAHRAIN	78128
BANGLADESH	62499
BARBADOS	115
BELARUS	232
BELGIUM	296
BHUTAN	3186
BRAZIL	510
BRUNEI	693
BULGARIA	698
CAMBODIA	596
CANADA	96900
CHINA	1367
CROATIA	3
DENMARK	55
DJIBOUTI	326
EGYPT	1892
ESTONIA	6
ETHIOPIA	17908
FIJI	5
FINLAND	238
FRANCE	72492

GEORGIA	4293
GERMANY	99926
GHANA	302
GREECE	164
HONG KONG	3306
HUNGARY	9
INDONESIA	5384
IRAN	6935
IRAQ	15072
IRELAND	485
ISRAEL	2036
ITALY	14892
JAPAN	14575
JORDAN	838
KAZAKHSTAN	3965
KENYA	15281
KUWAIT	226777
KYRGYZSTAN	10303
LAOS	427
LATVIA	5
LEBANON	1122
MADAGASCAR	84
MALAYSIA	52767
MALDIVES	122161
MALI	237
MALTA	256
MAURITIUS	2647
MEXICO	228
MOLDOVA	243
MONGOLIA	80
MOROCCO	99
MYANMAR	3265
NEPAL	26900
NETHERLANDS	28341
NEW ZEALAND	1897
NIGERIA	6501
NORWAY	267
OMAN	329139
OTHERS	21611
PAKISTAN	683
PHILIPPINES	8484
POLAND	342
PORTUGAL	54
QATAR	367078
ROMANIA	8
RUSSIA	15115
RWANDA	4697
SAUDI ARABIA	479103
SCOTLAND	38
SEYCHELLES	2826

SINGAPORE	89687
SOUTH AFRICA	1161
SOUTH KOREA	5248
SPAIN	1117
SRI LANKA	23350
SUDAN	125
SWEDEN	1270
SWITZERLAND	33
SYRIA	157
TAIWAN	144
TAJKISTAN	2814
TANZANIA	9436
THAILAND	7603
TUNISIA	25
TURKEY	3081
TURKMENISTAN	234
UKRAINE	9062
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2544288
UNITED KINGDOM	197730
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	397542
UZBEKISTAN	4777
VIETNAM	1966
YEMEN	1311
ZIMBABWE	5
NOT IDENTIFIED	4,98,913
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,92,264</b>

**State wise number of Repatriated Indians as on 30.04.2021**

<b>STATE WISE NUMBER OF REPATRIATED INDIANS TILL 30.04.2021</b>	
<b>STATE</b>	<b>NO. OF REPATRIATED INDIANS</b>
A & N ISLANDS	45
ANDHRA PRADESH	43758
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	41
ASSAM	1005
BIHAR	34660
CHANDIGARH	5937
CHHATTISGARH	878
D & N HAVELI	40
DAMAN AND DIU	132
DELHI	1335919
GOA	27627
GUJARAT	139937
HARYANA	6423
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1570
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	5162
JHARKHAND	2249
KARNATAKA	366451

KERALA	1410275
LADAKH	486
LAKSHADWEEP	866
MADHYA PRADESH	3329
MAHARASHTRA	589222
MANIPUR	393
MEGHALAYA	87
MIZORAM	126
NAGALAND	81
ODISHA	10717
PUDUCHERRY	1085
PUNJAB	116222
RAJASTHAN	98691
SIKKIM	90
TAMIL NADU	564015
TELANGANA	365249
TRIPURA	545
UTTAR PRADESH	367286
UTTARANCHAL	2877
WEST BENGAL	89955
NOT IDENTIFIED	4,98,833
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,92,264</b>

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