

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2466
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022

ABANDONED SPOUSES OVERSEAS

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

- (a) the total number of complaints received of Indian brides and grooms being abandoned during the last five years;
- (b) the details of the complaints so received, country-wise;
- (c) the total assistance provided under Indian Community Welfare Fund; and
- (d) whether Government has revoked passports of NRIs who have been found guilty of abandoning their spouses and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry has received and addressed a total of 4957 NRI marital complaints from Indian brides and grooms over the last five years. The country-wise data of the complaints received and addressed is placed at Annexure 'A'.

(c) During 2017 – 2021, a total amount of Rs.64 lakhs has been incurred for providing legal & financial assistance to Indian women deserted by their overseas Indian/foreign husbands under the Indian Community Welfare Fund.

(d) 231 passports of the NRIs implicated in NRI marital disputes have been revoked/cancelled during last 5 years.

ANNEXURE- A

Country-wise data of NRI marital complaints received and addressed in the last five years (from 1st January 2017 to 31st December, 2021)

Sl. No.	Country	Total No. of complaints
1	Australia	633
2	Afghanistan	5
3	Bahrain	25
4	Bangkok	4
5	Belgium	1
6	China	17
7	Canada	591
8	Denmark	28
9	France	123
10	Finland	87
11	Germany	258
12	Greece	20
13	Italy	97
14	Indonesia	68
15	Ireland	7
16	Israel	3
17	Japan	140
18	Kuwait	107
19	Kenya	2
20	Lebanon	2
21	Mozambique	1
22	Mexico	42
23	Malaysia	85
24	Mauritius	84
25	Malawi	1
26	Nepal	4
27	Netherlands	162
28	New Zealand	236
29	Oman	106
30	Philippines	8
31	Portugal	6
32	Paris	14
33	Poland	52
34	Qatar	36
35	Russia	2
36	Saudi Arabia	111

37	Sri Lanka	1
38	Spain	13
39	Sweden	5
40	Switzerland	57
41	Singapore	192
42	USA	656
43	U.K	599
44	UAE	155
45	Zambia	3
46	Others	108
	Total	4957
