

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2149**  
ANSWERED ON- 21/12/2023

**DETAILS ABOUT OPERATION KAVERI, OPERATION GANGA AND OPERATION AJAY**

2149. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY

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

- (a) the details of Operation Kaveri, Operation Ganga and Operation Ajay;
- (b) whether it is a fact that these operations have cemented India's position in the global diplomatic community; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) Operation Ganga: Operation Ganga was announced on 26 February 2022 to evacuate Indian nationals, mainly students, at Government of India's cost from Ukraine through the neighbouring countries of Romania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. 18,282 Indian nationals were brought back to India by 90 flights, of which 76 were commercial flights and 14 IAF flights in February and March 2022.

Operation Kaveri: Government of India launched Operation Kaveri to bring back Indian nationals from Sudan following a crisis that erupted in Sudan on 15 April 2023. Operation Kaveri was successfully concluded under which 4,097 people (including 136 foreigners) were brought back to India with the help of 18 IAF sorties, 5 trips of Indian Navy ships and 20 commercial flights. This includes 108 Indian nationals moved through Sudan's land borders with Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

Operation Ajay: On 11 October 2023, Government of India launched Operation Ajay to facilitate return of Indian citizens from Israel. So far, 1309 Indian nationals, 14 OCI card holders and 20 Nepalese have returned to India from Israel in six special flights under Operation Ajay.

(b & c) Government accords highest priority to the welfare of Indians abroad and have provided all possible support to Indians in distress. Operation Ajay, Operation Ganga and Operation Kaveri are in line with the above policy.

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