

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1342**  
ANSWERED ON- 14/12/2023

**EVACUATION OF INDIAN CITIZENS FROM ABROAD**

#1342. SHRI BABURAM NISHAD  
SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH

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

- (a) the number of Indian citizens evacuated by Government from foreign countries during the last five years;
- (b) the core reasons for such evacuation; and
- (c) the State-wise number of citizens evacuated during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Government accords highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indians abroad. These are the core reasons for any evacuation. A large number of Indian nationals returned from various countries during the Covid pandemic under the Vande Bharat Mission. Notable evacuation operations in addition include:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Country &amp; Name of the Operation</b>	<b>Total number of people evacuated including foreign nationals</b>
2021	Afghanistan Operation Devi Shakti	669 (including 206 Afghans, which includes members of the Afghan Hindu/Sikh minority)
2022	Ukraine Operation Ganga	18,282
2023	Sudan Operation Kaveri	4,097 (including 136 foreign nationals)
2023	Israel Operation Ajay	1343 (including 14 OCI card holder and 20 foreign nationals)

State-wise details available with the Ministry are placed at Annexure-I.

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**ANNEXURE – I****STATE-WISE LIST OF PEOPLE EVACUATED UNDER OPERATION GANGA**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State / Union Territory</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
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	Puducherry	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 not specified	272
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18282</b>

**STATE-WISE LIST OF PEOPLE EVACUATED UNDER OPERATION KAVERI**

<b>SI No.</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
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	Indian	146
11	Jammu and Kashmir	1
12	Jharkhand	62
13	Karnataka	418
14	Kerala	172
15	Madhya Pradesh	20
16	Maharashtra	337
17	Manipur	1
18	Nagaland	3
19	Odisha	86
20	Punjab	62
21	Pondicherry	7
22	Rajasthan	87
23	Tamil Nadu	244
24	Telangana	129
25	Uttar Pradesh	800
26	Uttarakhand	24
27	West Bengal	52
28	State not specified	234
	<b>Total Indian Citizens</b>	<b>3961</b>
	Foreign Nationals (British- 3 + Sudanese-124 + Nepalese – 9)	136
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (3961 + 136)</b>	<b>4097</b>

**STATE-WISE LIST OF PEOPLE BROUGHT BACK UNDER OPERATION AJAY**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	45
2	Assam	20
3	Bihar	29
4	Chhattisgarh	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
	<b>TOTAL INDIAN CITIZENS</b>	<b>1309</b>
	OCI Card holders (14) & Nepalese (20)	34
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (1309 + 34)</b>	<b>1343</b>

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