

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-550**  
ANSWERED ON- 07/12/2023

**INDIAN NATIONALS REPATRIATED FROM ISRAEL/GAZA**

550. SHRI VAIKO  
SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

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

- (a) the number of Indian nationals who have been brought back to India safely from Israel/Gaza strip under “Operation Ajay” after the break-out of war between Israel and Palestinian forces;
- (b) the number of Indian nationals who are believed to be in Israel and their condition;
- (c) whether efforts have been made and talks held with Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of Indian nationals, Indian Embassy and their staff; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to d) So far, 1309 Indian nationals have returned to India in six special flights operated under Operation Ajay from Israel. We have also facilitated return of one Indian national from Gaza. It is estimated that there are around 18,000 to 20,000 Indians in Israel. The Embassy of India, Tel Aviv, is in regular communication with Indian community and relevant departments and ministries in the government of the State of Israel to ensure the safety and security of all Indian nationals.

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