

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1997
ANSWERED ON- 08/08/2024

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN FOR EVACUATING INDIAN CITIZENS FROM BANGLADESH

#1997. SHRI NARHARI AMIN

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

- (a) the total number of Indians living in Bangladesh for the purpose of education or business;
- (b) the number of people of Gujarat living in Bangladesh, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any special campaign has been started to evacuate Indian citizens from Bangladesh in view of the incidences of violence there;
- (d) if so, the number of citizens brought back to India so far; and
- (e) the total number of people from Gujarat among the citizens who have been evacuated, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) As per available records, there are about 19,000 Indian citizens living in Bangladesh, which includes over 9000 students.
- (b) Indian students in Bangladesh are from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, and States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tripura, and Assam, among others. State-wise list is not maintained by our Mission and Posts in Bangladesh.
- (c) The High Commission of India in Dhaka and the Assistant High Commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna have been assisting in the voluntary return of Indian nationals. They are also coordinating with the concerned authorities of Bangladesh for their safety and security during stay as well as movement to the airports and to land ports along India-Bangladesh border. Ministry of External Affairs has also been coordinating with relevant Indian authorities to ensure a smooth passage for our citizens arriving at land-ports and airports.
- (d) Over 7,200 Indian students have returned to India till 01 August 2024, starting from 18 July 2024.
- (e) State-wise list of Indian nationals who have voluntarily departed from Bangladesh is not maintained by our Mission and Posts in Bangladesh.
