

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-396
ANSWERED ON- 25/07/2024

REPATRIATION OF STRANDED INDIANS STUCK ABROAD

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there are thousands of stranded Indian men and women in various countries who have contacted respective Indian Embassies to come back to India;
- (b) details of the people who contacted Indian Embassies in last five years, Indian Embassy-wise, year-wise, State domicile-wise, and district wise for Punjab, ;
- (c) details of Indians who have been safely repatriated in last five years, year-wise, Indian Embassy-wise, domicile State-wise and district wise for Punjab; and
- (d) details of the Indian Community Welfare fund utilised by various embassies to repatriate Indian nationals in last five years, Embassy-wise, and year-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Government has set up several mechanisms to reach out and to facilitate repatriation of the stranded Indians abroad. The e-Migrate web portal, MADAD portal, Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana, Pravasi Bhartiya Sahayata Kendras, 24x7 Helplines, Open Houses at Indian Missions and Posts, etc. are some of such important mechanisms. The reasons for repatriation from various countries are attributed to inadequate basic amenities, non-payment of salary, denial of emergency leave by the employer, and other employment related issues, forceful retention of passports by the employer, long working hours, violation of visa norms, involvement in minor crimes, illness etc. along with various geo-political factors. The Indian Community Welfare Fund has been established in Indian Missions/Posts abroad for providing assistance to stranded Indians, such as, boarding and lodging facilities, emergency medical care, legal assistance and air passage for repatriation to India on means tested basis.
- (b & c) The details of the people who contacted Indian Embassies and details of Indians who have been repatriated to India in the last 5 years are at Annexure A.
- (d) The details of the Indian Community Welfare fund utilised by various embassies to repatriate Indian nationals in last five years-Indian Embassy wise and year wise is placed at Annexure B.

Annexure A

Details of the people who contacted Indian Embassy requesting repatriation to India in last five years						
S. No.	Mission/Post	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Abu dhabi	1086	1135	973	936	660
2	Addis ababa	0	0	0	0	1
3	Algiers	0	1474	185	85	16
4	Almaty	5	5	3	5	36
5	Amman	140	22	12	34	34
6	Ankara	18	8	11	31	19
7	Asmara	0	1	0	0	0
8	Astana	1	0	0	0	3
9	Asuncion	0	2	0	0	0
10	Atlanta	446	293	122	121	131
11	Baghdad	7	28	16	17	34
12	Bahrain	157	95	124	190	220
13	Baku	0	66	59	0	0
14	Bali	0	10	0	0	0
15	Bangkok	43	17	3	13	33
16	Beijing	0	1165	0	0	0
17	Beirut	227	481	124	37	19
18	Belgrade	16	4	13	32	7
19	Berlin	32	4	14	16	32
20	Berne	169	17	4	63	92
21	Birgunj	0	24563	0	0	0
22	Birmingham	171	233	263	219	283
23	Bishkek	8	2	3	5	19
24	Bogota	2	0	0	1	0
25	Brasilia	0	0	0	0	2
26	Brunei darussalam	0	7	8	1	0
27	Brussels	27	8	8	10	19
28	Bucharest	38	48	20	48	27
29	Buenos aires	0	41	0	0	0
30	Cairo	18	17	28	41	69
31	Canberra	42	9	7	7	11
32	Caracas	0	0	1	0	0
33	Chiang mai	0	6	0	33	2
34	Chicago	11	7	2	5	8
35	Chittagong	0	0	2	1	0
36	Colombo	213	54	149	332	220
37	Conakry	0	160	0	0	0
38	Copenhagen	0	3	4	6	4
39	Dakar	0	278	4	7	2
40	Damascus	1	3	0	0	5
41	Dar e salaam	0	0	0	0	2

42	Djibouti	8	0	0	0	6
43	Doha	0	88	12	59	32
44	Dubai	2508	2886	2193	5103	6354
45	Dushanbe	0	1337	112	44	59
46	Edinburgh	8	5	4	14	1
47	Erbil	7	304	20	32	34
48	Frankfurt	45	6	8	7	8
49	Gaborone	0	2	1	1	0
50	Geneva	0	0	0	0	1
51	Guangzhou	33	42	18	15	8
52	Hamburg	4	5	3	4	1
53	Hanoi	1	12	0	1	4
54	Harare	0	46	0	0	0
55	Ho chi minh city	0	528	0	0	1
56	Hong kong	225	109	123	165	208
57	Houston	348	980	39	31	24
58	India taipei association	0	0	2	2	4
59	Islamabad	0	0	0	1	1
60	Istanbul	19	28	94	177	16
61	Jakarta	32	13	5	15	17
62	Jeddah	1782	925	650	248	301
63	Kabul	0	0	0	0	10
64	Kandy	0	0	0	0	2
65	Kathmandu	0	105829	7746	2	1
66	Khartoum	0	501	0	0	4000
67	Kigali	0	0	2	0	0
68	Kinshasa	10	899	0	0	21
69	Kuwait	5286	3965	4339	5660	7820
70	Kyiv	32	5	11	13	1
71	Lisbon	8	7	12	21	36
72	Ljubljana	0	0	1	4	0
73	London	2	3	0	1	3
74	Madrid	304	507	30	129	277
75	Mahe	0	0	0	61	4
76	Malta	0	110	0	0	4
77	Mandalay	0	57	46	0	2
78	Manila	0	7178	69	0	3
79	Medan	5	6	0	11	5
80	Mexico city	10	550	18	10	10
81	Milan	6	3	2	2	4
82	Minsk	3	0	9	3	92
83	Munich	88	31	37	57	80
84	Muscat	2984	1242	1077	2478	4271
85	Nairobi	5	1	2	1	3
86	New york	3	8	1	1	0

87	Nicosia	35	27	46	96	173
88	Ottawa	82	14	10	47	64
89	Ouagadougou	0	98	0	0	0
90	Perth	6	5	2	4	15
91	Phnom penh	50	17	0	55	152
92	Phuentsholing	0	9634	1917	510	0
93	Port moresby	0	0	0	0	1
94	Prague	0	0	0	1	0
95	Pretoria	0	2539	0	0	0
96	Reunion island	5	1	0	1	0
97	Riyadh	2352	7950	13762	16427	16648
98	Rome	297	72	63	158	297
99	Saint petersburg	14	4	4	2	16
100	Sao paulo	0	696	0	0	0
101	Seoul	0	0	0	1	0
102	Shanghai	1	400	0	0	1
103	Singapore	17	5	5	16	17
104	Sofia	0	20	1	0	0
105	Suva	1	0	0	3	2
106	Sydney	75	31	29	44	42
107	Tehran	18	15	15	3	13
108	The hague	189	3170	48	112	209
109	Thimphu	0	74	10	7	0
110	Tokyo	21	130	14	18	36
111	Toronto	55	42	155	178	187
112	Tripoli	0	0	0	0	16
113	Tunis	0	0	0	0	2
114	Vancouver	38	7866	17562	99	124
115	Vienna	59	32	32	123	186
116	Vientiane	0	0	0	74	244
117	Washington dc	48	46	45	55	67
118	Wellington	0	4000	0	0	0
119	Yangon	0	18	32	8	1
120	Zagreb	6	0	1	16	12
121	Zanzibar	4	1	1	0	1

Details of the Indians who have been safely repatriated to India from Abroad in last five years

S. No.	Mission/Post	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Abu Dhabi	771	436	602	1088	1131
2	Addis ababa	0	0	0	0	1
3	Algiers	0	1474	185	85	16
4	Almaty	5	5	3	5	36
5	Amman	140	22	12	34	34

6	Ankara	18	8	11	31	19
7	Asmara	0	1	0	0	0
8	Astana	1	0	0	0	3
9	Asuncion	0	2	0	0	0
10	Atlanta	446	293	122	121	131
11	Baghdad	7	28	16	17	34
12	Bahrain	157	95	124	190	220
13	Baku	0	66	59	0	0
14	Bali	0	10	0	0	0
15	Bangkok	43	17	3	13	33
16	Beijing	0	1165	0	0	0
17	Beirut	227	481	124	37	19
18	Belgrade	16	4	13	32	7
19	Berlin	32	4	14	16	32
20	Berne	169	17	4	63	92
21	Birgunj	0	24563	0	0	0
22	Birmingham	171	233	263	210	272
23	Bishkek	8	2	3	5	19
24	Bogota	2	0	0	1	0
25	Brasilia	0	0	0	0	2
26	Brunei darussalam	0	7	8	1	0
27	Brussels	27	8	8	10	19
28	Bucharest	38	48	20	48	27
29	Buenos aires	0	41	0	0	0
30	Cairo	18	17	28	41	69
31	Canberra	42	9	7	7	11
32	Caracas	0	0	1	0	0
33	Chiang mai	0	0	0	33	2
34	Chicago	11	7	2	5	8
35	Chittagong	0	0	1	1	0
36	Colombo	208	50	136	329	217
37	Conakry	0	160	0	0	0
38	Copenhagen	0	3	4	6	4
39	Dakar	0	278	0	7	2
40	Damascus	0	2	0	0	1
41	Dar e salaam	0	0	0	0	2
42	Djibouti	8	0	0	0	6
43	Doha	0	88	12	59	32
44	Dubai	2508	2886	2193	5103	6354
45	Dushanbe	0	1337	112	44	59
46	Edinburgh	8	5	4	14	1
47	Erbil	1	304	13	22	13
48	Frankfurt	45	6	8	7	8
49	Gaborone	0	2	1	1	0
50	Geneva	0	0	0	0	1

51	Guangzhou	33	455	18	15	8
52	Hamburg	4	5	3	4	1
53	Hanoi	1	12	0	1	0
54	Harare	0	46	0	0	0
55	Ho chi minh city	0	528	0	0	1
56	Hong kong	225	109	123	165	208
57	Houston	0	834	0	0	0
58	India taipei association	0	0	2	2	4
59	Islamabad	0	0	0	1	1
60	Istanbul	9	7	49	111	14
61	Jakarta	32	13	5	15	17
62	Jeddah	1782	925	650	248	244
63	Kabul	0	0	0	0	10
64	Kandy	0	0	0	0	2
65	Kathmandu	0	105829	7746	2	1
66	Khartoum	0	501	0	0	4006
67	Kigali	0	0	2	0	0
68	Kinshasa	10	899	0	0	21
69	Kuwait	4550	2818	3527	4785	5629
70	Kyiv	32	5	11	13	1
71	Lisbon	8	7	12	21	36
72	Ljubljana	0	0	1	2	0
73	London	244	49	9	41	101
74	Madrid	304	507	30	129	277
75	Mahe	0	0	0	61	4
76	Malta	0	110	0	0	4
77	Mandalay	0	57	36	0	2
78	Manila	0	7178	69	0	3
79	Medan	5	6	0	11	5
80	Mexico city	10	550	18	10	10
81	Milan	6	3	2	2	4
82	Minsk	3	0	9	3	92
83	Munich	88	31	37	57	79
84	Muscat	2970	1291	1067	1927	4095
85	Nairobi	6	2	3	1	4
86	New york	3	8	1	1	0
87	Nicosia	35	27	46	96	173
88	Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0
89	Ouagadougou	0	98	0	0	0
90	Perth	6	5	2	4	15
91	Phnom penh	50	17	0	55	152
92	Phuentsholing	0	9634	1917	510	0
93	Port moresby	0	0	0	0	1
94	Prague	0	0	0	1	0
95	Pretoria	0	0	2539	0	0

96	Reunion island	5	1	0	1	0
97	Riyadh	0	3502	8837	10277	11486
98	Rome	297	72	63	158	297
99	Saint petersburg	14	4	4	2	16
100	Sao paulo	0	696	0	0	0
101	Seoul	0	0	0	1	0
102	Shanghai	1	400	0	0	1
103	Singapore	17	5	5	16	17
104	Sofia	0	20	1	0	0
105	Suva	1	0	0	3	2
106	Sydney	75	31	29	44	42
107	Tehran	18	15	15	3	13
108	The hague	189	3170	48	112	209
109	Thimphu	0	74	10	7	0
110	Tokyo	21	130	14	18	36
111	Toronto	55	42	155	178	187
112	Tripoli	0	0	0	0	16
113	Tunis	0	0	0	0	2
114	Vancouver	38	7866	17562	99	124
115	Vienna	59	32	32	123	186
116	Vientiane	0	0	0	74	244
117	Washington dc	0	0	0	0	0
118	Wellington	0	4000	0	0	0
119	Yangon	0	18	32	8	1
120	Zagreb	6	0	1	16	12
121	Zanzibar	4	1	1	0	1

Annexure B

ICWF Data of Expenditure to repatriate Indian nationals (In Rupees)						
S. No.	Mission/Post	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Abu Dhabi	11625180	2279404	3565600	6200897	7336750
2	Addis Ababa	0	120806	0	0	0
3	Algiers	46665	0	0	0	0
4	Amman	52347	0	69523	0	58824
5	Ankara	0	0	0	0	131601
6	Astana	0	0	0	0	31243
7	Atlanta	186416	0	0	88766	0
8	Baghdad	159701	368592	191566	64292	38381
9	Bahrain	764586	611959	629837	971674	765185
10	Baku	0	74660	0	0	0
11	Bali	21144	0	3698	18923	0
12	Bangkok	0	0	24644	105022	697096
13	Beijing	0	59925185	0	0	0
14	Beirut	84291	169542	0	0	0
15	Belgrade	0	0	47474	0	0
16	Berne	0	53574	0	44166	0
17	Birmingham	0	0	0	0	183550
18	Bogota	450531	0	260876	202026	0
19	Brasilia	0	0	0	0	1172310
20	Brunei Darus-salam	0	0	35837	0	0
21	Brussels	8695	0	0	0	0
22	Bucharest	0	2300967	0	426372	0
23	Cairo	88945	32217	0	0	0
24	Canberra	0	81775	0	0	0
25	Chicago	0	157617	0	0	0
26	Chittagong	0	2637	0	0	0
27	Colombo	2179627	446035	1685150	3649418	3010693
28	Damascus	0	0	0	0	114348
29	Dar-es-Salaam	146053	119262	208630	0	0
30	Djibouti	0	0	0	0	430777
31	Doha	3274834	1645009	127282	1465646	979729
32	Dubai	11307818	11784476	10859525	13436342	13608109
33	Erbil	181345	12498	125317	542603	237549
34	Gaborone	0	146359	60150	98608	0
35	Guangzhou	271046	0	243825	0	0
36	Hanoi	29133	249442	0	0	0

37	Harare	0	0	0	0	193240
38	Ho Chi Minh City	0	144210	0	0	0
39	Hong Kong	38697	0	9718	0	0
40	Indian Taipei Association	61891	0	502981	0	0
41	Istanbul	23915	30695	0	0	0
42	Jakarta	18770	0	0	37062	0
43	Jeddah	2131376	1350055	838393	2817698	1721368
44	Kabul	14553	0	10360	0	0
45	Kandy	178389	0	0	0	23730
46	Kathmandu	0	0	73112	0	0
47	Khartoum	0	0	0	395546	82592
48	Kigali	0	0	0	0	71133
49	Kuwait	2296078	18994146	20089907	15778680	918634
50	Lisbon	0	0	0	79815	0
51	Ljubljana	73054	0	0	84757	0
52	London	516262	8355	33119	0	150326
53	Madrid	26130	17477	0	0	61954
54	Mahe	0	43550	0	204711	157801
55	Mandalay	13699	0	0	0	0
56	Manila	0	0	108011	0	113450
57	Medan	15493	0	0	54732	12702
58	Mexico City	143696	0	0	0	0
59	Milan	104652	0	22236899	64290	34710
60	Minsk	0	0	0	34639	0
61	Munich	0	0	39150	0	81764
62	Muscat	4675400	5097021	3053788	8223337	9042363
63	Nairobi	125121	0	0	0	0
64	New York	175612	661138	124543	90539	0
65	Phnom Penh	23552	0	0	0	0
66	Prague	0	0	0	2197655	0
67	Pretoria	42427	0	0	0	0
68	Riyadh	9294821	1909685	790479	3273148	3169487
69	Rome	0	50172	17027425	0	0
70	St. Petersburg	140560	0	0	0	0
71	Sao Paulo	24639	0	0	0	0
72	Seoul	1196258	0	0	85483	0
73	Shanghai	58811	44576	0	0	45785
74	Suva	0	0	472909	0	0
75	Sydney	35079	0	0	0	0
76	Tehran	0	22299	0	87540	146754

77	The Hague	0	746559	0	0	0
78	Tokyo	0	0	109492	0	899627
79	Toronto	0	0	203150	185006	296552
80	Tripoli	807659	0	0	0	0
81	Tunis	0	0	45376	111011	0
82	Vienna	0	84899	0	0	0
83	Washington DC	0	46223	0	0	0
84	Wellington	1684470	0	72567	372229	647278
85	Yangon	37107	1385179	396344	0	0
86	Zanzibar	0	32521	24310	0	0
