

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2608
ANSWERED ON 18/12/2024

Indian Students going abroad

2608 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of students are going to foreign countries for education in the last few years;
- (b) the number of students who have left the country for higher studies, State-wise, year-wise, country-wise during the last five years; and
- (c) the number of students who have returned after completion of studies, State-wise, year-wise, country-wise during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Education does not maintain data related to Indian students going abroad for higher studies. As per information provided by the Bureau of Immigration (BoI), the number of Indians who disclosed their purpose of visit as STUDY/EDUCATION while going abroad in the last five years is under:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Students	586337	259655	444553	750365	892989

Year-wise and Country-wise details is at **Annexure**.

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 2608 FOR 18.12.2024 REGARDING “INDIAN STUDNETS GOING ABROAD” ASKED BY DR. V. SIVADASAN, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA

DESTINATION-WISE (COUNTRY) STATISTICS OF INDIAN NATIONALS WHO DISCLOSED THEIR PURPOSE AS STUDY/EDUCATION WHILE GOING ABROAD FOR 2019 TO 2023					
COUNTRY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AFGHANISTAN	39	10	10	27	37
ALAND ISLANDS	0	0	2	3	11
ALBANIA	7	2	335	57	28
ALGERIA	2	0	2	2	2
AMERICAN SAMOA	2	1	0	1	8
ANDORRA	19	8	12	119	316
ANGOLA	6	1	1	9	14
ANGUILLA	1	1	2	1	0
ANTARTICA	0	1	1	0	2
ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS	46	28	8	75	70
ARGENTINA	24	7	28	39	37
ARMENIA	1810	534	2796	1952	1656
ARUBA	14	7	7	9	11
AUSTRALIA	73808	33629	8950	59044	78093
AUSTRIA	457	192	353	466	597
AZERBAIJAN	112	37	35	265	461
BAHAMAS	54	8	19	119	189
BAHRAIN	234	46	38	122	116
BANGLADESH	13412	5479	10493	17006	20368
BARBADOS	100	40	24	64	56
BELARUS	730	524	641	695	562
BELGIUM	648	355	605	514	535
BELIZE	142	19	19	29	58
BENIN	4	0	7	1	1
BERMUDA	10	0	2	2	3
BHUTAN	52	6	0	9	10
BOLIVIA	6	0	0	0	2
BOSNIA	7	6	7	145	300
BOTSWANA	8	6	2	7	5
BOUVET ISLAND	0	0	0	0	0
BRAZIL	85	24	24	83	98
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY	8	2	1	0	0
BRUNEI	20	8	1	26	43
BULGARIA	224	53	133	139	205

BURKINA FASO	2	0	0	4	4
BURUNDI	1	0	0	0	1
CAMBODIA	133	54	42	116	181
CAMEROON	35	8	28	144	202
CANADA	132620	43624	102688	185955	233532
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	14	4	10	18	64
CAYMAN ISLANDS	2	0	3	3	0
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	1
CHAD	27	0	1	6	8
CHILE	61	6	10	52	86
CHINA	19170	398	3	1967	7279
CHRISTMAS ISLANDS	2	0	0	3	1
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	0	0	0	1	0
COG(CONGO)	6	2	2	5	9
COLOMBIA	19	0	4	20	41
COMOROS	2	0	0	0	2
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	0	0	0	2	1
COSTA RICA	7	3	14	9	5
CUBA	2	1	0	0	1
CYPRUS	3528	1511	162	726	1477
CZECH	651	314	512	673	668
DENMARK	520	253	341	488	523
DJIBOUTI	1	4	0	1	2
DOMINICA	4	0	0	1	0
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	2	0	1	3
EAST TIMOR (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	7	4	2	17	21
ECUADOR	5	2	0	7	3
EGYPT	440	188	519	424	580
EL SALVADOR	5	0	0	2	3
ERITREA	3	0	5	4	6
ESTONIA	129	50	94	54	58
ETHIOPIA	11	4	38	14	2
FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINES)	3	0	3	11	12
FAROE ISLANDS	1	1	0	0	2
FIJI	18	6	3	2	3
FINLAND	243	80	133	234	449
FRANCE	8495	4333	5293	6406	7484
FRANCE METROPOLITAN	1	1	2	2	1
FRENCH GUIANA	1	0	0	1	1
FRENCH POLYNESIA	0	0	0	2	2
GABON	28	6	3	16	12
GAMBIA	0	0	2	4	1
GEORGIA	4148	1724	2599	5269	10470

GERMANY	18034	9865	16259	20684	23296
GHANA	18	4	14	18	12
GIBRALTAR	5	4	4	7	5
GREECE	203	87	62	207	124
GREENLAND	1	0	1	0	1
GRENADA	27	7	16	17	15
GUADELOUPE	1	2	0	1	1
GUATEMALA	0	0	0	2	2
GUINEA	7	8	3	10	6
GUINEA BISSAU	0	0	0	1	0
GUYANA	200	10	104	145	182
HAITI	7	5	3	25	22
HEARD AND MCDONALD ISLANDS	3	1	0	4	7
HONDURAS	1	2	0	3	4
HONG KONG	1646	563	198	708	607
HUNGURY	440	243	304	389	336
ICELAND	61	16	23	47	44
INDONESIA	273	77	11	170	259
IRAN	737	186	600	1063	1325
IRAQ	78	17	65	79	89
IRELAND	6671	3272	4869	6211	8011
ISLE OF MAN	0	0	0	5	18
ISRAEL	1268	460	639	1061	1288
ITALY	4791	3211	3008	3507	3739
IVORY COST	4	1	2	2	6
JAMAICA	112	55	112	109	81
JAPAN	1761	552	193	1423	1219
JERSEY	1	0	0	9	3
JORDAN	32	2	11	37	36
KAZAKHSTAN	6080	937	5625	8895	10172
KENYA	312	40	155	250	357
KIRIBATI	2	0	2	5	5
KOREA(DPR)	15	9	7	29	25
KOREA(REPUBLICOF)	1180	526	631	1005	942
KUWAIT	421	33	24	124	150
KYRGHYZSTAN	12942	865	15162	14728	12374
LAOS	4	2	3	5	6
LATVIA	1464	539	537	750	1566
LEBANON	13	2	4	6	6
LESOTHO	2	0	1	0	0
LIBERIA	3	2	3	1	4
LIBYA	0	0	1	0	5
LIECHTENSTEIN	3	1	1	1	1

LITHUANIA	398	227	355	324	286
LUXEMBOURG	48	21	53	46	57
MACAU	34	4	3	17	37
MACEDONIA	3	0	0	1	0
MADAGASCAR	1	0	0	1	6
MALAWI	21	4	7	27	32
MALAYSIA	4090	1121	567	2453	3437
MALDIVES	132	59	384	174	157
MALI	2	1	1	3	9
MALTA	540	250	222	599	1868
MARSHALL ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	2
MARTINIQUE	0	0	0	1	1
MAURITANIA	28	9	11	27	19
MAURITIUS	1590	956	827	1503	1837
MAYOTTE	1	0	1	0	1
MEXICO	50	13	1068	49	48
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	0	1	0	0	2
MOLDOVA	385	155	318	974	434
MONACO	0	0	1	5	4
MONGOLIA	2	1	1	4	3
MONTENEGRO	5	3	6	4	4
MOROCCO	19	2	3	5	14
MOZAMBIQUE	8	1	0	16	9
MYANMAR	43	13	6	22	19
NAMIBIA	40	7	10	100	188
NAURU	4	1	1	18	36
NEPAL	909	221	379	444	531
NETHERLANDS	2593	1335	2006	1901	1938
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	73	18	20	15	12
NEUTRAL ZONE	2	1	2	0	14
NEW CALEDONIA	71	19	0	11	58
NEW ZEALAND	10297	5321	64	1605	6471
NICARAGUA	4	2	0	0	3
NIGER	0	1	1	1	4
NIGERIA	28	8	15	25	24
NIUE ISLAND	2	0	0	0	0
NORFOLK ISLAND	1	1	1	3	3
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	1	0	0	2	1
NORWAY	277	125	188	195	159
OMAN	459	97	92	151	157
PAKISTAN	670	505	66	396	331
PALAU	0	0	0	0	0
PALESTINIAN	2	0	0	0	1

PANAMA	16	9	36	61	21
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	5	3	0	4	3
PARAGUAY	4	2	2	6	2
PERU	6	3	1	7	5
PHILLIPPINES	13479	4601	251	11261	6883
PITCAIRN	1	2	0	3	0
POLAND	2007	616	1046	1443	1639
PORTUGAL	190	79	155	163	236
PUERTO RICO	1	1	0	3	4
QATAR	427	100	325	275	232
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAIWAN	1012	302	336	465	707
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	21	14	36	77	41
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	30	6	12	53	157
RESIDENT OF KOSOVO (UNMIK)	1	0	1	0	2
REUNION ISLANDS	6	5	2	7	9
ROMANIA	49	24	52	78	97
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	16545	1387	15814	19784	23503
RWANDA	12	4	4	4	2
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS	22	10	6	42	31
SAINT HELENA	17	4	0	0	2
SAINT LUCIA	104	39	39	46	37
SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON	1	1	0	0	0
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	25	8	9	7	10
SAMOA	0	0	0	0	0
SAN MARINO	2	0	2	9	11
SAO TOME AND PRINCIP	0	0	0	1	0
SAUDI ARABIA	623	136	135	774	807
SENEGAL	10	2	4	7	5
SERBIA	33	12	330	132	213
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	0	0	0	0	2
SEYCHELLES	54	7	4	18	14
SIERRA LEONE	16	2	1	19	11
SINGAPORE	15419	4860	2664	17085	12763
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	171	48	85	93	155
SOLOMON ISLANDS	0	0	0	1	3
SOMALIA	0	1	0	0	1
SOUTH AFRICA	609	348	396	621	636
SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	1
SOUTH SUDAN	2	0	0	1	2
SPAIN	1624	840	1253	1384	1376
SRI LANKA	429	107	64	179	454
SUDAN	12	4	6	5	9

SURINAME	3	0	1	0	0
SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0
SWAZILAND	145	75	81	153	130
SWEDEN	1059	664	806	639	611
SWITZERLAND	1184	566	754	870	985
SYRIA	2	1	1	2	2
TANZANIA	90	58	107	217	609
TAZIKISTAN	1187	1248	1100	1112	997
THAILAND	1475	303	85	655	921
TOGO	5	2	5	7	7
TOKELAU	0	0	0	0	1
TONGA	1	0	0	0	0
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	4	0	1	4	16
TUNISIA	5	4	5	9	17
TURKEY	333	65	212	300	326
TURKMENISTAN	8	1	1	0	2
TURKS AND CAICOS ISL	1	0	1	0	0
TUVALU	1	0	0	2	2
UGANDA	801	206	301	546	662
UKRAINE	13911	6723	18596	2199	326
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	9341	2925	3427	5892	6611
UNITED KINGDOM	36612	44901	77855	132709	136921
UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	28	11	21	0	190
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	122535	62415	125115	190512	234473
URAGUAY	20	10	23	49	63
UZBEKISTAN	300	102	503	3430	6601
VANUATU	8	6	13	57	99
VATICAN CITY - HOLY SEE	0	0	0	0	1
VENEZUELA	1	1	1	3	2
VIETNAM	146	29	5	155	551
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)	3	0	0	1	0
VIRGIN ISLANDS (US)	0	0	0	0	2
WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS	4	0	1	5	3
YEMEN	16	3	3	24	36
ZAMBIA	29	23	46	133	70
ZIMBABWE	1	0	2	3	3
Total	586337	259655	444553	750365	892989