

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1667
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2025

DEATH OF INDIANS IN RUSSIAN ARMY

1667. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI

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

- (a) the number of Indians serving in armed forces of other countries, country-wise;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to repatriate Indian citizens working for foreign armed forces;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to locate the 16 missing Indians who were serving in the Russian army;
- (d) the progress in locating and repatriating them;
- (e) whether Government is making efforts towards bringing back bodies of Indian citizens who have died serving in the Russian army; and
- (f) if so, the progress thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a & b) The number of Indian nationals in the armed forces of other nations is not known. Our Missions and Posts accord high priority to the safety, security and well-being of all Indian nationals abroad and take appropriate action, as and when any request for assistance is received.

(c & d) The Government of India has been in touch with the relevant Russian authorities to pursue updates on the 16 missing Indian nationals as well as to ensure their safety, well-being, and early return to India.

(e & f) As per information available, 12 Indian nationals in the Russian armed forces have been reported to have lost their lives during the ongoing conflict. The mortal remains of seven individuals have been received in India. In two other such instances, cremation was carried out in Russia as per the wishes of the respective families. The Government remains in touch with Russian authorities for confirmation/verification of the three remaining cases of reported deaths.
