

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-397
ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2025

INDIAN YOUTH STRANDED IN RUSSIA

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

- (a) the details of the number of youth still stranded in Russia and serving in their Army, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry and Indian Embassy in Russia to repatriate these youth; and
- (c) the details of the youth who have been repatriated to India safely, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per available information, 18 Indian nationals remain in the Russian armed forces out of which 16 individuals have been reported as missing by the Russian side. The state-wise domicile of the 18 Indian nationals in the Russian armed forces is as follows:

S. No.	State/UT	Number of Indian nationals
1.	Punjab	02
2.	Haryana	02
3.	Chandigarh	01
4.	Uttar Pradesh	09
5.	Maharashtra	01
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	01
7.	Kerala	01
8.	Bihar	01
	Total	18

(b) The Russian authorities concerned have been requested to provide an update on the remaining Indian nationals in the Russian armed forces, and also ensure their safety, wellbeing and early discharge. The Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Embassy in Moscow have engaged with the relevant Russian authorities at various levels on these issues. The Indian Mission/Posts in Russia have earlier assisted Indian nationals in their return to India, following the discontinuation of their service in the Russian armed forces, including through the facilitation of travel documents and providing air tickets wherever required.

(c) The State-wise distribution of Indian nationals whose service in the Russian armed forces has been discontinued is given below:

S. No.	State/UT	Number of Indian nationals
1.	Bihar	01
2.	Chhattisgarh	01
3.	Chandigarh	01
4.	Delhi	06
5.	Gujarat	01
6.	Haryana	14
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	02
8.	Jharkhand	01
9.	Karnataka	04
10.	Kerala	10
11.	Maharashtra	02
12.	Punjab	27
13.	Rajasthan	09
14.	Telangana	02
15.	Tamil Nadu	03
16.	Uttarakhand	02
17.	Uttar Pradesh	06
18.	West Bengal	05
	Total	97
