

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-401
ANSWERED ON – 06/02/2025

EVACUATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS FROM WAR AND DISASTER ZONES

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

(a) the total number of Indian nationals evacuated from various countries involved in war/natural disaster or conflict situations over the last five years;

(b) the details of the countries from which such evacuations were carried out, along with the respective years;

(c) the total funds utilized for these evacuation operations during this period; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure the safety and timely evacuation of Indian nationals in such situations in the future?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c)

Year of Evacuation	Country of evacuation & Name of the Operation	Total number of persons evacuated (including foreign nationals)	Total funds utilized (in ₹)
2020	Vande Bharat Mission including Air Bubble Agreements (List of countries attached at Annexure-I)	1.594 crores	22.54 crore
2020	Sri Lanka, Maldives and Iran Operation Samudra Setu	3992	Not on MEA budget
2021	Afghanistan Operation Devi Shakti	669 (including 15 other foreign nationals and 206 Afghans, which includes members of the Afghan Hindu/Sikh minority)	1.90 crore
2022	Ukraine	18,282	116.58 crore

	Operation Ganga		
2023	Sudan Operation Kaveri	4,097 (including 136 foreign nationals)	45.63 crore
2023	Israel Operation Ajay	1,343 (including 14 OCI card holders and 20 foreign nationals)	16.87 crore
2024	Haiti Operation Indravati	17	48.34 lakh
2024	Syria	77	39.95 lakh

(d) Government accords the highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indian nationals abroad. It issues advisories as required by developments, especially in warzones, to caution Indian nationals to avoid unnecessary travel and follow safety guidelines issued by local authorities. Additionally, Indian Missions in foreign countries also issue advisories requesting Indian nationals to avoid unnecessary travel and remain in touch with the Indian Missions on published helpline numbers. Depending on the situation, the Government launches evacuation operations in coordination with other stakeholders to safely evacuate Indian nationals. Government remains in constant touch with its counterparts through diplomatic channels for safety and security of Indians during evacuation process. If required, it also engages local volunteers from the Indian community for logistics support. 24x7 Control Rooms are operated at headquarters and abroad to facilitate the evacuation process.

The names of countries from where Indian Nationals have been brought back to India under Vande Bharat Mission and Air Bubble Agreements.

SL.NO.	NAME OF COUNTRY
1	AFGHANISTAN
2	ALGERIA
3	ANGOLA
4	ARMENIA
5	AUSTRALIA
6	AUSTRIA
7	AZERBAIJAN
8	BAHRAIN
9	BANGLADESH
10	BARBADOS
11	BELARUS
12	BELGIUM
13	BHUTAN
14	BRAZIL
15	BRUNEI
16	BULGARIA
17	CAMBODIA
18	CANADA
19	CHINA
20	CROATIA
21	DENMARK
22	DJIBOUTI
23	EGYPT
24	ESTONIA
25	ETHIOPIA
26	FIJI
27	FINLAND
28	FRANCE
29	GEORGIA
30	GERMANY
31	GHANA
32	GREECE
33	HONG KONG
34	HUNGARY
35	INDONESIA
36	IRAN
37	IRAQ
38	IRELAND
39	ISRAEL
40	ITALY
41	JAPAN
42	JORDAN

43	KAZAKHSTAN
44	KENYA
45	KUWAIT
46	KYRGYZSTAN
47	LAOS
48	LATVIA
49	LEBANON
50	MADAGASCAR
51	MALAYSIA
52	MALDIVES
53	MALI
54	MALTA
55	MAURITIUS
56	MEXICO
57	MOLDOVA
58	MONGOLIA
59	MOROCCO
60	MYANMAR
61	NEPAL
62	NETHERLANDS
63	NEW ZEALAND
64	NIGERIA
65	NORWAY
66	OMAN
67	OTHERS
68	PAKISTAN
69	PHILIPPINES
70	POLAND
71	PORTUGAL
72	QATAR
73	ROMANIA
74	RUSSIA
75	RWANDA
76	SAUDI ARABIA
77	SCOTLAND
78	SEYCHELLES
79	SINGAPORE
80	SOUTH AFRICA
81	SOUTH KOREA
82	SPAIN
83	SRI LANKA
84	SUDAN
85	SWEDEN
86	SWITZERLAND
87	SYRIA
88	TAIWAN
89	TAJIKISTAN

90	TANZANIA
91	THAILAND
92	TUNISIA
93	TURKEY
94	TURKMENISTAN
95	UKRAINE
96	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
97	UNITED KINGDOM
98	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
99	UZBEKISTAN
100	VIETNAM
101	YEMEN
102	ZIMBABWE
