

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.657
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022**

INDIAN EMIGRANTS TRAVELLING FOREIGN COUNTRIES

657. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has maintained any data on the total number of imigrants from India travelling to countries abroad on various type of visas;
- (b) if so, the total number of imigrants travelling abroad on different visas during the last five years, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to prevent and stop over staying of Indian Nationals in the various foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to bring back the overstaying Indian citizens from various foreign countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

- (a) Bureau of Immigration (BoI), MHA maintains departure and arrival data of Indians. Purpose of Indians going abroad is captured manually based either on their verbal disclosure or the type of visa of the destination country produced by them at the time of according immigration clearance.
- (b) Year-wise and purpose-wise details of number of Indians travelling abroad are enclosed at Annexure I. Year-wise and country-wise details of number of Indians travelling abroad are enclosed at Annexure II.
- (c) to (e) To facilitate safe and legal migration of Indian workers abroad to ECR countries, Government has developed a comprehensive e-Governance portal (E-migrate). This initiative was made to make the emigration process fast and transparent and to address various complaints. The project was operationalized in a phased manner from 26th May 2014 onwards for various Protector of Emigrants (POE) offices and the process of granting of Emigration Clearance (EC) through all POE offices was made completely online w.e.f. 25th September 2014. In pursuit of better migration management, the government has engaged and established institutional arrangements for labour migration and mobility of professionals with new and emerging destinations.

Government is also running Pre-Departure Orientation Training Programmes (PDOT) since 2018 through which prospective Indian emigrants are sensitized about the local rules and regulations of the destination country to avoid illegal overstay in the destination country.

Government has concluded Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreements (MMPA) with various countries. Cooperation to stop illegal migration and human trafficking and procedures for return of illegal immigrants is an important part of these MMPAs.

Year-wise and Purpose-wise departure of Indians from 2017 to Nov 2022

PURPOSE OF VISIT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BUSINESS	1386446	1469470	1467537	265433	126611	464275
Employment ’	3450079	2789976	2525328	715733	833880	2143873
HAJ / UMRA	351154	766449	838774	113358	279	437475
MEDICAL	1481	1532	1448	390	545	1253
OTHERS	868208	421344	263382	54775	58767	165795
PILGRIMAGE	80355	46828	46452	2499	3859	23364
RESIDENCE / RE-ENTRY	7511515	8423817	8950544	2889814	3462569	7249956
STUDENT	453977	517978	586329	259644	444574	648678
TOURIST	5927808	6316330	6380759	1316146	1281354	3085087
VISIT	2359584	3509431	4211412	1007288	1512426	4092846
Grand Total	22390607	24263155	25271965	6625080	7724864	18312602

*The Figures for years 2017 to 2021 are for the full years and for 2022 is till November 30,2022

Destination-wise departure of Indians from 2017 to November 2022

DESTINATION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
AFGHANISTAN	9318	10330	11248	3980	2980	1034
ALAND ISLANDS	95	104	59	7	26	60
ALBANIA	212	343	256	65	2196	835
ALGERIA	6165	7056	6763	1459	1893	4394
AMERICAN SAMOA	65	122	70	10	5	31
ANDORRA	225	383	293	66	73	551
ANGOLA	5526	5792	6601	2174	4524	7042
ANGUILLA	22	32	40	7	12	36
ANTARTICA	47	55	26	8	53	11
ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS	91	118	144	73	53	163
ARGENTINA	2515	3042	2563	595	382	1055
ARMENIA	3208	12149	13220	1082	14034	5951
ARUBA	180	227	181	55	104	165
AUSTRALIA	414595	490292	546984	150931	29308	403802
AUSTRIA	33875	37416	37338	5000	4172	20683
AZERBAIJAN	5863	22766	40721	9359	816	25347
BAHAMAS	5754	6135	5251	1136	1637	4779
BAHRAIN	337501	355529	348813	104858	194892	299293
BANGLADESH	323338	398449	479815	140044	77406	381497
BARBADOS	692	572	580	221	194	616
BELARUS	1898	2435	2602	847	1137	1448
BELGIUM	33990	38539	37797	9406	10747	24150
BELIZE	324	512	486	93	91	217
BENIN	2199	2371	2524	1039	2193	2938
BERMUDA	1144	1561	819	225	231	425

BHUTAN	44158	58629	68776	5787	2253	3558
BOLIVIA	544	303	391	86	84	750
BOSNIA	210	375	440	38	79	321
BOTSWANA	6298	6786	7447	2783	2691	5751
BOUVET ISLAND	17	7	9	2	2	3
BRAZIL	9675	9972	10627	2249	1504	5247
BRUNEI	16191	17101	18043	4017	502	11098
BULGARIA	2619	3891	3001	509	661	1792
BURKINA FASO	1034	1389	1314	610	1135	1379
BURUNDI	761	881	1057	409	749	1006
CAMBODIA	18353	23138	27790	4741	524	11480
CAMEROON	2257	2500	2780	760	1786	2861
CANADA	386546	522103	617561	218123	249375	660685
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	90	104	110	38	48	173
CAYMAN ISLANDS	676	759	932	201	363	841
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	390	430	437	137	348	391
CHAD	1132	1159	865	201	152	279
CHILE	3175	3397	3243	559	496	928
CHINA	301127	340595	339379	16065	133	2439
CHRISTMAS ISLANDS	81	65	55	4	3	10
COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS	100	116	63	5	5	32
COG(CONGO)	17975	18580	19681	7511	10586	19438
COLOMBIA	2497	1912	1928	490	533	1368
COMOROS	348	349	409	99	131	222
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	3030	2500	2985	1790	2412	3605

COOK ISLANDS	33	23	21	3	2	10
COSTA RICA	635	714	783	229	328	487
CUBA	667	672	492	117	706	803
CYPRUS-	7664	9241	10619	3743	2410	6639
CZECH	20531	23318	27290	3830	3228	8127
DENMARK	27655	33431	35431	7132	7229	18749
DJIBOUTI	1602	1488	1504	558	684	1156
DOMINICA	230	163	139	57	71	113
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	235	190	153	53	83	242
EAST TIMOR (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)	1002	1037	707	191	139	802
ECUADOR	3582	4469	3020	207	229	562
EGYPT	32302	41872	46430	9214	15751	26540
EL SALVADOR	157	171	245	19	37	104
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	449	387	479	172	335	328
ERITREA	540	457	570	119	189	322
ESTONIA	1285	1874	2376	628	843	1692
ETHIOPIA	17157	17350	16800	5549	8876	9659
FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINES)	440	411	398	45	65	316
FAROE ISLANDS	32	40	18	3	3	26
FIJI	2743	2971	2963	599	73	1212
FINLAND	15658	19051	22020	5352	3899	13767
FRANCE	175894	204391	208418	28504	38496	122275
FRANCE METROPOLITAN	52	49	44	7	5	16
FRENCH GUIANA	37	70	115	30	9	97
FRENCH POLYNESIA	12	22	8	4	1	6

FRENCH SOUTHERN TERRITORIES	8	6	2			3
GABON	3771	4609	4650	1669	2860	4651
GAMBIA	807	1053	1377	458	934	1328
GEORGIA	10681	11522	12660	4319	4871	11220
GERMANY	246816	269643	300116	81330	103206	216607
GHANA	12440	13417	14187	5387	8886	12243
GIBRALTAR	71	88	63	21	15	43
GREECE	30834	42202	38397	6582	3954	20033
GREENLAND	32	45	27	4	7	25
GRENADA	106	104	115	36	53	96
GUADELOUPE	40	40	35	8	5	17
GUAM	17	17	22		2	7
GUATEMALA	252	274	234	59	69	149
GUERNSEY					2	15
GUINEA	2576	3080	3573	1340	2240	3093
GUINEA BISSAU	342	337	340	101	213	256
GUYANA	448	444	591	117	497	1967
HAITI	2837	2629	1916	360	315	4393
HEARD AND MCDONALD ISLANDS	53	60	48	4	4	38
HONDURAS	830	914	567	99	18	225
HONG KONG	234657	240040	208096	27429	4011	22950
HUNGARY	16432	23765	24172	3744	4053	14701
ICELAND	4926	5565	5934	797	884	4268
INDONESIA	246597	318521	336299	65115	4933	139199
IRAN	32020	30118	29525	4103	4419	14733
IRAQ	62399	73695	79678	10379	8643	74735
IRELAND	26957	32122	43245	18151	25981	61453

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ISRAEL	24823	31529	32369	7676	6811	19552
ITALY	173491	195703	203850	58122	42887	114572
IVORY COST	4502	4850	5492	2265	4199	5552
JAMAICA	3594	3515	3047	669	807	6233
JAPAN	95266	110229	124741	21594	9097	42404
JERSEY			82	24	16	99
JORDAN	42096	52928	51124	5007	7077	26245
KAZAKHSTAN	25947	32240	29495	5406	7551	22349
KENYA	61200	64268	63991	17989	21606	46584
KIRIBATI	492	403	365	131	37	191
KOREA(DPR)	890	787	617	125	168	442
KOREA(REPUBLIC OF)	41618	46911	51857	7689	4146	23971
KUWAIT	869058	967456	951803	181128	194828	767520
KYRGYZSTAN	17629	22155	17004	1745	16583	17566
LAOS	2097	2308	2139	513	142	1412
LATVIA	2396	3112	3474	1080	1215	2274
LEBANON	7883	8649	8137	2125	3076	4857
LESOTHO	412	408	442	132	166	285
LIBERIA	2180	2296	2410	1097	1952	2816
LIBYA	137	151	132	20	89	85
LIECHTENSTEIN	35	51	29	11	12	36
LITHUANIA	1632	1458	1893	630	867	1777
LUXEMBOURG	2964	3906	4422	1460	2270	4861
MACAU	11368	9730	11084	853	490	1276
MACEDONIA	289	247	259	44	42	129
MADAGASCAR	3419	3582	4111	1146	591	2996
MALAWI	10313	10181	9886	3309	3953	7665

MALAYSIA	634656	727724	745332	122437	11135	262705
MALDIVES	101603	106062	190253	77466	297248	257255
MALI	2170	2548	2745	1103	2430	2603
MALTA	2812	5124	6081	2760	3364	10417
MARSHALL ISLANDS	109	123	76	11	10	26
MARTINIQUE	258	144	103	13	43	75
MAURITANIA	2285	2233	2269	502	621	1063
MAURITIUS	81690	82917	77176	14783	6397	39962
MAYOTTE	62	70	77	14	4	38
MEXICO	8201	8405	7951	1993	21366	5029
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	197	116	92	14	6	38
MOLDOVA	450	635	728	319	617	2087
MONACO	380	327	306	70	52	172
MONGOLIA	1109	1441	1608	180	286	1086
MONTENEGRO	145	140	160	39	96	122
MONTSERRAT	22	9	11	6	3	3
MOROCCO	4930	5143	5578	1244	807	3798
MOZAMBIQUE	8019	7605	7882	2659	5135	7329
MYANMAR	23823	24197	28511	8049	1258	5173
NAMIBIA	5302	5043	4299	1190	1854	4634
NAURU	309	249	227	48	43	242
NEPAL	187394	220616	221669	40367	56528	166453
NETHERLANDS	87571	106498	121922	25796	29891	75778
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	618	628	641	160	249	279
NEW CALEDONIA	994	933	797	277	23	594
NEW ZEALAND	92018	101536	107549	40112	2855	44136

NICARAGUA	399	332	299	72	70	233
NIGER	1642	1978	2642	554	910	1342
NIGERIA	40758	44463	52475	22563	31417	39324
NIUE ISLAND	139	112	79	13	10	25
NORFOLK ISLAND	353	334	336	48	46	329
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	49	71	45	8	8	52
NORWAY	16585	19060	22237	4798	4082	16958
OMAN	907005	924902	877362	259647	376349	636559
PAKISTAN	39195	31160	24372	4593	5324	15299
PALAU	60	52	52	8	3	24
PALESTINIAN	39	45	50	1	1	15
PANAMA	1290	1573	1982	776	537	1480
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	1543	1760	1875	717	365	1202
PARAGUAY	730	802	536	56	62	196
PERU	1306	1289	1341	310	258	744
PHILIPPINES	67375	74103	80053	18960	4184	41652
PITCAIRN	34	33	23	8	3	37
POLAND	17013	19536	21387	6076	9922	24596
PORTUGAL	11056	14025	17439	7277	9319	19509
PUERTO RICO	57	65	61	15	11	61
QATAR	928315	1094989	1063098	281527	624858	784254
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TAIWAN	22529	24845	25738	3956	1572	7606
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	4224	5464	6895	544	1550	5557
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	1809	1437	1424	190	259	1342
RESIDENT OF KOSOVO (UNMIK)	93	76	79	9	19	30

REUNION ISLANDS	672	643	763	139	11	387
ROMANIA	3482	3878	5419	1958	3527	5993
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	68038	85436	98956	10164	44037	38447
RWANDA	4225	5171	5693	1612	2543	3567
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS	362	422	408	98	125	338
SAINT HELENA	2579	2223	1601	296	68	48
SAINT LUCIA	404	336	296	72	109	206
SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON	38	24	20	4	3	11
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	62	64	68	20	17	34
SAMOA	66	61	48	15	8	31
SAN MARINO	101	85	46	10	17	62
SAO TOME AND PRINCIP	530	384	232	50	32	220
SAUDI ARABIA	2703911	2621129	2811109	517558	241356	2148370
SENEGAL	4343	3878	3895	1238	2707	3538
SERBIA	1610	4339	5686	1384	21001	10311
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	43	47	74	7	42	43
SEYCHELLES	17545	19225	21362	5130	5820	10423
SIERRA LEONE	3548	4066	4054	1357	2303	3498
SINGAPORE	1331111	1460610	1483114	252814	80378	838278
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	1005	1277	1466	417	488	1559
SOLOMON ISLANDS	239	306	198	36	33	108
SOMALIA	838	1086	1434	478	871	1869
SOUTH AFRICA	81464	79485	80303	19364	17253	44423
SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	34	37	21	7	6	23

SOUTH SUDAN	3996	5203	4816	3365	4994	4478
SPAIN	69827	85169	91117	19448	18521	63368
SRI LANKA	341205	453389	375521	93934	59172	115395
STATELESS	24					
SUDAN.	10834	11360	9882	3719	4437	8059
SURINAME	427	551	519	147	242	526
SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN ISLANDS	44	35	32	4	6	23
SWAZILAND	12762	14499	11264	1628	2500	11142
SWEDEN	36088	45718	51921	15019	16885	41774
SWITZERLAND	85192	98039	104566	12984	17251	73986
SYRIA	358	454	287	214	349	131
TANZANIA	28745	27559	27231	9634	21168	23833
TAJIKISTAN	2637	3153	2650	1797	2027	2652
THAILAND	1161048	1328861	1683183	223922	8247	801448
TOGO	1476	1510	1638	901	1313	2227
TOKELAU	32	29	16	1	1	9
TONGA	32	46	31	8	3	23
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1009	1001	1114	203	268	1090
TUNISIA	1274	1780	2101	410	491	1588
TURKEY	30349	61255	99815	10914	11849	98379
TURKMENISTAN	1711	1605	1068	196	40	189
TURKS AND CAICOS ISL	97	104	127	21	40	97
TUVALU	29	22	18	2	4	8
UGANDA	45336	39254	38413	10657	16411	29390
UKRAINE	16842	25820	26870	10807	33981	4166
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	6005865	6192808	6140840	2368825	3476434	5304298

UNITED KINGDOM	621543	677898	745255	216434	276002	754647
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1621831	1679452	1703187	498627	568917	1369440
URAGUAY	794	759	962	251	512	1000
UZBEKISTAN	15411	18844	23029	3900	10518	13066
VANUATU	709	952	975	229	251	1196
VATICAN CITY-HOLY SEE	244	268	149	7		19
VENEZUELA	354	363	229	42	54	335
VIETNAM	51109	62763	90175	18415	1672	90859
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)	54	67	84	13	23	71
VIRGIN ISLANDS (US)	16	7	8	1	1	10
WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS	567	408	289	71	157	375
WESTERN SAHARA	14	8	17		2	8
YEMEN	2182	1418	1215	168	106	3352
ZAMBIA	17346	18985	19430	8364	11026	16358
ZIMBABWE	2819	3959	4048	1311	1606	3678
Grand Total	22390607	24263155	25271965	6625080	7724864	18312602
