

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACKS ON INDIAN STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the growing incidents of violence against Indian students abroad;**
- (b) if so, the number of Indian students in foreign universities who have died during the last five years, country- wise; and**
- (c) the measures taken/ being taken by the Government to investigate incidents of violence against Indian students abroad?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *75 for reply on 26.07.2024 regarding 'Attacks on Indian Students'.

(a) to (c): Data available with the Indian Missions/Posts abroad does not suggest an increase in violence against Indian students abroad in recent times. The list of the total number of Indian students in foreign Universities who had died during the last five years, country-wise is attached at Annexure 'A' with mentions also of Indian students who died due to violence.

2. Providing safety and security to Indian students abroad is one of the top most priorities of the Government of India. Indian Missions/Posts abroad maintain regular contacts with Indian students enrolled in Universities abroad. This commences as soon as the new Indian students, enrolled in foreign Universities, are invited to participate in Welcome Ceremony organised by Indian Missions/Posts abroad. Heads of Indian Missions/Posts organise Orientation Programmes and brief them on challenges and threats, if any, that they may confront during their stay in the foreign lands and how to take counter active measures. Heads of Indian Missions/Posts and other senior Embassy officials also visit foreign Universities and Educational Institutions in their respective

countries of accreditation to regularly interact with Indian students and Indian Students' Associations.

3. Indian Missions/Posts abroad also encourage Indian students travelling abroad for higher studies to register with them as also on the MADAD Portal so that their grievances and outstanding issues can be addressed in a time bound manner. Indian Missions/Posts abroad encourage Indian students to remain connected on a regular basis and make all possible efforts to respond to the outstanding issues faced by them on a priority basis. The grievances of the students are responded to almost on a real time basis through telephone calls, walk-ins, emails, social media, 24x7 emergency helplines, open houses and the MADAD Portal. Any complaint received from the Indian students abroad are taken up with the concerned University/Institution and the host Government, as the case may be for requisite action.

4. Cases of untoward incidents are immediately taken up by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad with the concerned authorities of the host country to ensure that they are properly investigated and the perpetrators are punished. During emergencies or crisis situations, Indian Missions/Posts abroad pro-actively help distressed/stranded Indian students overseas by providing them food, shelter, medicines and ensure their return/evacuation to India as soon as possible. Most

recently, stranded Indian students were evacuated to India through the Vande Bharat Mission, Operation Ganga (Ukraine) and Operation Ajay (Israel) from countries around the world. The return of many Indian students from Bangladesh was also facilitated by our High Commission.

ANNEXURE -A**Country wise inputs received on death cases of Indian students in the last 5 years**

S.No.	Country	Total number of Indian students death	Number of Deaths due to attacks
1.	Australia	57	1
2.	Belgium	1	0
3.	China	8	1
4.	Canada	172	9
5.	Egypt	2	0
6.	Gaborone	1	0
7.	Germany	24	0
8.	Italy	18	0
9.	Ireland	2	0
10.	Pakistan	1	0
11.	Taiwan	4	0
12.	Kazakhstan	7	0
13.	Kyrgyzstan	12	1
14.	Mauritius	1	0
15.	New Zealand	6	0
16.	Russia	37	0
17.	Singapore	3	0
18.	Qatar	6	0
19.	Spain	3	0
20.	Tajikistan	1	0
21.	Ukraine	18	0

22.	UK	58	1
23.	USA	108	6
24.	UAE	3	0
25.	Uzbekistan	2	0
26.	Armenia	7	0
27.	Georgia	12	0
28.	Cyprus	12	0
29.	South Korea	2	0
30.	Philippines	7	0
31.	Czech Republic	1	0
32.	Iran	1	0
33.	Saudi Arabia	18	0
34.	France	6	0
35.	Finland	2	0
36.	Hungary	1	0
37.	Switzerland	1	0
38.	Moldova	2	0
39.	South Africa	1	0
40.	Suriname	1	0
41.	Netherlands	4	0
Total		633	19
