

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:83
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
CITIZENS OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN THAILAND
AKHILESH SINGH;SANJAY PASWAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of citizens of Indian origin residing in Thailand;
- (b) the number of Indian citizens put into jails by the Thai Government while they were on a visit to Thailand on tourist visa alongwith the reasons therefor; and (
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for getting them released from the jails in Thailand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) The number of citizens of Indian origin residing in Thailand is around 35,000 (Thirty five thousands).
- (b) The number of Indian nationals in the immigration detention centres is presently 14. The reason for their detention is either illegal entry or overstay on tourist visa.
- (c) The Indian Embassy in Thailand provides consular assistance, including necessary travel documents to help them to return to India.