

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4092
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BAN ON INDIANS GOING TO IRAQ
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided not to allow Indians to go to Iraq for the time being;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the number of people to be affected by this decision ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a & b) In view of the current security situation in Iraq, Government of India have, for the time being, advised its citizens to defer their visits to that country; stopped emigration clearance for Iraq, and has sought cooperation of Governments of Kuwait and Jordan to prevent Indian nationals from crossing over to Iraq.

(c) It is difficult to give an estimate on this point.