

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1607**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

**INDIAN CITIZENS IN JAILS ABROAD**

1607. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian missions abroad have the details and the number of Indian citizens in jails during 2014-15 to 2017-18; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government thereon?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) The number of Indian nationals in prisons in foreign countries is dynamic and keeps changing. As per information available with the Ministry through our Missions/Posts, 8445 Indian nationals are currently in jails in foreign countries. Details are given in Annexure.
- (b) Our Missions and Posts abroad extend all possible help and assistance to the imprisoned Indian nationals including when they are detained by local police/immigration authorities or put in prisons for violation of local laws. After confirmation of nationality of such persons, our Missions and Posts extend all possible consular services and also facilitate their repatriation to India by issuing them necessary travel documents. They also make regular visits to local jails and detention centers to ascertain the condition of Indian nationals lodged there and provide requisite help and support. Missions and Posts also maintain a local panel of lawyers where Indian community is in sizable numbers. Legal assistance is also available to Indian nationals in prisons abroad through the Indian Community Welfare Fund.

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**ANNEXURE**

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Country</b>      | <b>The number of Indians<br/>nationals currently in foreign<br/>jails</b> |
|---------------|---------------------|---|
| 1             | Armenia             | 10  |
| 2             | Australia           | 71  |
| 3             | Austria             | 5   |
| 4             | Azerbaijan          | 4   |
| 5             | Bahrain             | 121   |
| 6             | Bangladesh          | 40  |
| 7             | Belarus             | 1   |
| 8             | Belgium             | 22  |
| 9             | Bhutan              | 66  |
| 10            | Brazil              | 2   |
| 11            | Brunei              | 1   |
| 12            | Cambodia            | 3   |
| 13            | China               | 234   |
| 14            | Cote D' Ivoire      | 3   |
| 15            | Cuba                | 1   |
| 16            | Cyprus              | 7   |
| 17            | Denmark             | 5   |
| 18            | Fiji                | 1   |
| 19            | Finland             | 1   |
| 20            | France              | 33  |
| 21            | Germany             | 51  |
| 22            | Ghana               | 1   |
| 23            | Greece              | 27  |
| 24            | Indonesia           | 22  |
| 25            | Iran                | 5   |
| 26            | Iraq                | 1   |
| 27            | Israel              | 2   |
| 28            | Italy               | 230   |
| 29            | Japan               | 7   |
| 30            | Jordan              | 26  |
| 31            | Korea (Republic of) | 2   |
| 32            | Kuwait              | 483   |
| 33            | Kyrgyzstan          | 2   |
| 34            | Lao PDR             | 2   |
| 35            | Lebanon             | 5   |
| 36            | Malaysia            | 497   |
| 37            | Maldives            | 12  |

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| 38 | Mauritius            | 1           |
| 39 | Mexico               | 1           |
| 40 | Mozambique           | 2           |
| 41 | Myanmar              | 56          |
| 42 | Nepal                | 1065        |
| 43 | Netherlands          | 1           |
| 44 | New Zealand          | 13          |
| 45 | Nigeria              | 1           |
| 46 | Oman                 | 59          |
| 47 | Pakistan             | 549         |
| 48 | Panama               | 1           |
| 49 | Portugal             | 5           |
| 50 | Qatar                | 212         |
| 51 | Russian Federation   | 3           |
| 52 | Saudi Arabia         | 2224        |
| 53 | Senegal              | 1           |
| 54 | Singapore            | 117         |
| 55 | South Africa         | 6           |
| 56 | South Sudan          | 1           |
| 57 | Spain                | 41          |
| 58 | Sri Lanka            | 66          |
| 59 | Sweden               | 2           |
| 60 | Tanzania             | 4           |
| 61 | Thailand             | 43          |
| 62 | Uganda               | 1           |
| 63 | Ukraine              | 1           |
| 64 | United Arab Emirates | 1606        |
| 65 | United Kingdom       | 267         |
| 66 | U.S.A                | 88          |
| 67 | Vietnam              | 1           |
| 68 | Yemen                | 1           |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>8445</b> |