

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2017**

INDIAN STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

***337. SHRI KESINENI NANI:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students studying abroad as on date, State and country-wise and the number out of them registered under the MADAD portal, launched by the Government in 2015;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Government does not have the information about the visa documentation and the account of the number of students leaving the country for studies abroad; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE
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(a) As per inputs received from Missions/Posts abroad, an estimated 5,53,440 Indian students are studying abroad. However, state-wise break-up of students is not available. A statement indicating estimated country-wise number of Indians students is attached as Annexure ‘A’. Presently, the students’ registration under the MADAD Portal is voluntary and 12580 students have registered as on August 7, 2017.

(b) & (c) Indian students wishing to pursue higher studies abroad have to apply for student visas directly to foreign Embassies in India. Requirement of information as part of visa documentation is determined by foreign Governments as visa is the sovereign right of a foreign country. Therefore, information about the visa documentation is not available.

As per extant regulations, registration of students proceeding abroad is not mandatory. Hence, precise number of students leaving the country for studies abroad is not available with the Ministry.

ANNEXURE –A
(As on 08.08.2017)

S.No.	Estimated Country-wise list of Indian students studying in other countries	
1.	Armenia	900
2.	Australia	63,283
3.	Austria	300
4.	Azerbaijan	9
5.	Bahrain	27,000
6.	Bangladesh	1,239
7.	Belarus	343
8.	Barbados	116
9.	Belgium	600
10.	Bosnia Herzegovina	2
11.	Brazil	250
12.	Brunei Darussalam	20
13.	Bulgaria	60
14.	Canada	1,00,000
15.	Chile	40
16.	China	18,171
17.	Cuba	7
18.	Curacao	279
19.	Cyprus	1,962
20.	Czech Republic	550
21.	Denmark	274
22.	Egypt	150
23.	Estonia	150
24.	Finland	1,000
25.	France	5000
26.	France (Reunion Is.)	3
27.	Georgia	1500
28.	Germany	13,740
29.	Greece	2
30.	Guyana (167) St. Kitts & Nais 11 & Antigua & Barbuda 02 (concurrently accredited countries)	180
31.	Hong Kong	365
32.	Hungary	350
33.	Iceland	10
34.	Indonesia	17
35.	Iran	1200
36.	Ireland	2,333
37.	Israel	550
38.	Italy	1,163
39.	Japan	1015
40.	Jordan	4
41.	Kazakhstan	2,400
42.	Korea (Republic of)	1,151
43.	Kuwait	79

44.	Kyrgyzstan	4,686
45.	Latvia	700
46.	Lebanon	4
47.	Libya	9
48.	Lithuania	900
49.	Malaysia	1,500
50.	Mauritius	500
51.	Mexico	100
52.	Moldova	120
53.	Mongolia	1
54.	Nepal	3000
55.	Netherlands	2500
56.	New Zealand	30,000
57.	Niger	5
58.	Norway	250
59.	Oman	3000
60.	Philippines	8,500
61.	Poland	2,500
62.	Portugal	41
63.	Romania	150
64.	Russian Federation	8,000
65.	Rwanda	20
66.	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of)	810
67.	Serbia	1
68.	Slovenia	21
69.	Singapore	2435
70.	Slovakia	18
71.	South Africa	150
72.	Spain	650
73.	Sri Lanka	15
74.	St. Lucia	231
75.	Sudan	11
76.	Sweden	2,100
77.	Switzerland	445
78.	Tajikistan	650
79.	Tanzania	1220
80.	Thailand	297
81.	Turkey	93
82.	Ukraine	8,000
83.	United Arab Emirates (Dubai)	500
84.	United Kingdom (2015-16)	14,830
85.	United States of America (2015-16)	2,06,708
86.	Uzbekistan	2
	TOTAL	5,53,440
