

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.237
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2010**

INDIANS LANGUISHING IN FOREIGN JAILS

**237. SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK:
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Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian prisoners in jails in various countries, country-wise, offence-wise and gender-wise;**
- (b) whether the government has taken up the issue with the respective countries to secure release of the prisoners from foreign jails;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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- (a) A statement showing details of Indian prisoners in foreign jails is annexed.**
- (b) to (c) Yes. The Government of India, through its Missions/Posts abroad, makes all possible efforts with the Foreign Governments to provide necessary assistance to Indians imprisoned in foreign jails, which include requesting local authorities for speedy trials, seeking remission of sentence, seeking consular access to detainees and prisoners, providing advice and guidance in legal and other matters, ensuring fair and humane treatment in foreign jails and repatriation to India of those who are released. The Indian Missions/Posts abroad remain in regular touch with the families of the arrested Indians.**
- (d) Does not arise.**

Annexure**Details of Indians in Foreign Jails as on February 2010**

S.N.	Name of Country	No. of Indians in Jail		Offence/Charges
		Male	Female	
1.	Afghanistan	6	NIL	Fake visa, alcohol smuggling, prostitution charges
2.	Algeria	2	NIL	Murder and bribery
3.	Angola (With Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe)	NIL	NIL	-
4.	Argentina (With Paraguay, Oriental Republic of Paraguay)	1	NIL	Forged Passport
5.	Armenia (With Georgia)	1	NIL	Cheating
6.	Austria	NIL	NIL	-
7.	Australia	39	NA	Stealing, incest, rape, stalking, forgery, fraud, assault, dangerous driving, drug possession, attempted murder and conspiracy etc.
8.	Azerbaijan	2 (M)	NIL	Murder, Drug Smuggling
9.	Bahrain	133	-	Illegal stay, Murder & Embezzlement of money
10	Belarus	5 (M)	NIL	Human trafficking, Illegal Migration, Forgery of documents
11.	Bangladesh	327	15	Smuggling and Illegal entry without proper documents
12.	Belgium (With Luxembourg)	51	NIL	Human Trafficking, Murder, Rape, Falsification of Documents, Various crimes
13.	Bhutan	61	NIL	Forgery, Drug abused, Burglary, Larceny, Illegal possession of fire arms, Display of weapons, Robbery, Molestation/Rape, Illegal sale/use of harmful chemical substances, Auto stripping, Drowning, Possession

				of controlled substances, public intoxications, Elopement,
14.	Botswana	NIL	NIL	-
15.	Brazil	NIL	NIL	-
16.	Brunei Darussalam	5 (Gender NA)	NIL	Illegal stay, rape & Possession of dangerous weapon
17.	Bulgaria (With Macedonia)	4	NA	Illegal Entry
18.	Cambodia	2	NIL	Overstay
19.	Canada	19		In view of Privacy Laws, the Canadian authorities do not indicate details.
20	Chile	NIL	NIL	-
21.	China	169	5	Drug Trafficking, Cheating, Rape, Credit Card forgery, Kidnapping, Robbery, Human Trafficking Money laundering
22.	Colombia (With Costa Rica, Ecuador)	3	NIL	Fraud, impersonation
23.	Congo-Dem Rep (With Congo, Gabon & Central African Republic)	NA	NA	-
24.	Cote d'Ivoire (With Liberia, Guinea & Sierra Leone)	NIL	NIL	-
25.	Croatia	NIL	NIL	-
26.	Cuba (With Dominican Republic, Haiti)	1	NIL	Drug trafficking and corruption of minors
27.	Cyprus	1	NIL	Serious injury to a Cypriot.
28.	Czech Republic	Nil	NIL	-
29.	Denmark	3 (Gender NA)		Manslaughter
30.	Egypt	1	1	Murder and Drug smuggling
31.	Ethiopia (With Djibouti)	2	NIL	Illegal entry
32.	Fiji (With Tonga, Tuvalu & Cook	NIL	NIL	-

	Islands)			
33.	Finland (With Estonia)	3(M)	NIL	Illegal human trafficking
34.	France (With Principality of Monaco)	NA	NA	Due to the Privacy Laws, the French authorities do not provide details of arrested Indians.
35.	Germany	2	NA	Manslaughter and Rape
36.	Ghana (With Burkina Faso, Togo & Niger)	NIL	NIL	-
37.	Guyana (With Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Kitts & Nevis)	NIL	NIL	-
38.	Greece	18(NA)		Details regarding gender and crime have been sought.
39.	Hungary (With Bosnia & Herzegovina)	NIL	NIL	-
40.	Indonesia (East Timor)	8	NIL	Drug smuggling and Violation of immigration laws.
41.	Iran	11	NIL	Drug trafficking, premeditated murder and diesel smuggling
42.	Iraq	NIL	NIL	-
43.	Iceland	NIL	NIL	-
44.	Ireland	Nil	NIL	-
45.	Israel	12	2	Murder, Rape, Assault, Illegal stay
46.	Italy (With San Marino)	109	-	The Italian Govt. maintains privacy about prisoners and does not inform despite having been requested.
47.	Jamaica (Bahamas, Cayman Islands and Turks & Caicos Islands)	NIL	NIL	-
48.	Japan	10	NIL	Violation of the Emigration law, Robbery, Theft and Murder

49.	Jordan	18	-	Overstay, Fake documents and financial irregularities
50.	Kazakhstan	1	NIL	Fraud and irregularities of documents
51.	Kenya (With Eritrea, Somalia)	NIL	NIL	-
52.	Korea (DPR)	NIL	NIL	-
53.	Korea (Republic of)	NIL	NIL	Overstay and rape
54.	Kuwait	228	16	Murder, Theft, Smuggling, Illegal stay, Drug trafficking
55.	Kyrgyzstan	NIL	NIL	-
56.	Lao PDR	1	NIL	Fraud
57.	Lebanon	41		Illegal stay, Murder and Drug offence
58.	Libya (With Malta)	18	NIL	Illegal entry, Imprisonment of criminal charges
59.	Madagascar (With Comoros)	NIL	NIL	-
60.	Malaysia	458	37	Immigration offence, Overstay, lack of proper documents and possession of narcotics and contraband
61.	Maldives	14	2	Murder, Drug Trafficking, Cheating and Child abused
62.	Mali	NIL	NIL	-
63.	Mauritius (With Belize & Guatemala)	9	1	Drug charges
64.	Mexico (With Guatemala)	NIL	NIL	-
65.	Morocco	2	NIL	Illegal entry
66.	Mongolia	NIL	NIL	-
67.	Mozambique (With Swaziland)	NIL	NIL	-
68.	Myanmar	34	1	Illegal Entry and violation of Arms Act
69.	Namibia	NIL	NIL	-
70.	Nepal	365	12	Murder, Robbery, Cheating, Industrial crime, Treasury looting, Arson, Drug Trafficking, Illegal Trafficking in animals and

				Poaching
71.	Netherlands	NIL	NIL	-
72.	New Zealand (Samoa, Nauru and Kiribati)	11		New Zealand Govt. maintains Privacy Laws and does not inform the Mission about arrested Indians.
73.	Nigeria (Benin, Chad, Cameroon)	NIL	NIL	-
74.	Norway	1	NIL	Norway maintains Privacy Laws and did not inform the Mission about arrested Indian.
75.	Oman	50	5	Theft, Murder, Looting, Molesting under-aged, Kidnapping, Forgery, Dud Cheques, Human Trafficking, Adultery, Alcohol, Running brothel
76.	Pakistan	842	-	Violation of entry provisions, Foreigners Act and Laws pertaining to security.
77.	Palestine	-	-	-
78.	Panama (With El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua)	NIL	NIL	-
79.	Papua New Guinea (With Vanuatu and Solomon Islands)	1	-	Fraud
80.	Peru (With Bolivia)	NIL	NIL	-
81.	Philippines (With Palau, Marshall Islands and Micronesia)	3	NIL	Violation Immigration laws, Kidnapping and Rape
82.	Poland (With Lithuania)	19	NIL	Illegal stay
83.	Portugal	2	-	Drug smuggling, murder
84.	Qatar	366	26	Illegal stay, Drug Trafficking, Murder, Forgery, Sexual harassment and Adultery
85.	Romania (With Albania, Moldova)	NIL	NIL	-
86.	Russian Federation	3	NIL	Manslaughter, Drug Smuggling and Extortion

87.	Saudi Arabia	1226 (Gender NA)	-	The Saudi Govt. does not provide details.
88.	Serbia (With Montenegro)	NIL	NIL	-
89.	Senegal (With Mauritania, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde Islands, Gambia)	NIL	NIL	-
90.	Seychelles	2	NIL	Drug abuse
91.	Singapore	225	12	Alien, Long term Drug, Offence related to property
92.	Slovak Republic	100 Approx.	NIL	Human trafficking and illegal immigration
93.	Slovenia	4 (Gender NA)	-	Illegal stay
94.	South Africa (With Lesotho)	7	-	Rape, fraud, theft, theft.
95.	Spain (With Andorra)	30	NIL	NA
96.	Sri Lanka	33	5	Drug Trafficking
97.	Sudan	NIL	NIL	-
98.	Suriname (With Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Vincent & Grenadines)	NIL	NIL	-
99.	Sweden (With Latvia)	2	-	Rape, Murder and Gross Violation of woman's integrity and sexual exploitations
100.	Switzerland (With Holy See and Liechtenstein)	NIL	NIL	-
101.	Syria	NIL	NIL	-
102.	Tajikistan	NIL	NIL	-
103.	Tanzania	NIL	NIL	-
104.	Thailand	27 (Gender NA)	-	Drug trafficking, Murder, Forgery of Passport, fake documents and overstay of visa
105.	Trinidad & Tobago (With Grenada, Dominica and Monteserrat)	NIL	NIL	-

106.	Tunisia	NIL	NIL	-
107.	Turkey	NIL	NIL	-
108.	Turkmenistan	NIL	NIL	-
109.	Uganda (With Burundi, Rwanda)	2	NIL	Forging the documents and fake work permits
110.	U.A.E.	1092	-	The UAE Govt. does not provide information about gender and crime. However, besides the cases of murder, the offences involve minor cases like consumption of alcohol, overstay.
111.	UK	337	7	NA-due to Privacy Laws.
112.	Ukraine	1	NIL	Manslaughter & Robbery
113.	U.S.A	193	17	Sexual assault, burglary, fraud, immigration offence, dangerous driving, drug abuse, family offence, theft, child cruelty, arson,
114.	Uzbekistan	NIL	NIL	-
115.	Venezuela (With Netherlands Antilles & Aruba)	NIL	NIL	-
116.	Vietnam	NIL	NIL	-
117.	Yemen	1	-	Murder
118.	Zambia (With Malawi)	3	NIL	Murder and civil cases
119.	Zimbabwe	NIL	NIL	-
120.	Reunion Island	NIL	NIL	-
121.	Niger	NIL	NIL	-