

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3695**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 27, 1941 (SAKA)

OCI CARD HOLDERS

3695. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card-holders globally, country-wise; and

(b) the details of the measures being taken for their welfare?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): Till March 12, 2020, 35,79,011 Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards have been issued to foreigners.

Country- wise list is enclosed at "ANNEXURE".

(b): Various benefits have been provided to the OCI cardholders by the Central Government through Gazette notifications dated 11th April, 2005, 6th January 2007 and 6th January 2009 issued under section 7B(1) of the Citizenship Act, 1955. These inter-alia include:-

(a) grant of multiple entry lifelong visa for visiting India for any purpose;

(b) exemption from registration requirement;

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- (c) parity with Non-Resident Indians in respect of all facilities available to them in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating to the acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties;**
- (d) parity with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of inter-country adoption of Indian children;**
- (e) parity with resident Indian nationals in the matter of tariffs in airfares in domestic sectors in India, and also for same entry fee as for domestic Indian visitors to visit national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in India;**
- (f) Parity with non-resident Indians in respect of :-**
- (i) entry fees to be charged for visiting the national monuments, historical sites and museums in India;**
- (ii) pursuing the following professions in India, in pursuance of the provisions contained in the relevant Acts, namely: doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists; advocates; architects; chartered accountants;**
- (g) to appear for the All India Pre-Medical Test or such other tests to make them eligible for admission in pursuance of the provisions contained in the relevant Acts.**

Nationality Wise OCI Card issued

S. No	Country Name	No. of OCI Card issued
1	UNITED STATES	1309559
2	UNITED KINGDOM	788411
3	AUSTRALIA	403746
4	CANADA	317375
5	PORTUGAL	87299
6	NEW ZEALAND	69883
7	FRANCE	65678
8	SINGAPORE	63290
9	MALAYSIA	61703
10	ITALY	53008
11	GERMANY	49936
12	KENYA	40900
13	IRELAND	26001
14	SRI LANKA	23831
15	NETHERLANDS	21825
16	SOUTH AFRICA	16940
17	AUSTRIA	15078
18	BELGIUM	12364
19	TANZANIA	11722
20	SPAIN	11572
21	THAILAND	11356
22	SWEDEN	10700
23	NORWAY	9502
24	MAURITIUS	8759
25	SWITZERLAND	5862
26	INDONESIA	4992
27	HONG KONG	4952
28	SWAZILAND	4002
29	PHILIPPINES	3949
30	RUSSIA	3154
31	MOZAMBIQUE	3090
32	DENMARK	3024
33	ZAMBIA	2985
34	YEMEN	2802
35	FINLAND	2657
36	BAHRAIN	2585
37	PANAMA	1879
38	ZIMBABWE	1855
39	UGANDA	1791
40	ISRAEL	1777
41	JAPAN	1569
42	IRAN	2710
43	SEYCHELLES	1519
44	MYANMAR (BURMA)	1516
45	POLAND	1327
46	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1302
47	FIJI	1291

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48	UKRAINE	1192
49	MADAGASCAR	1107
50	CHINA	1065
51	SAUDI ARABIA	1057
52	GREECE	1030
53	MALAWI	989
54	BARBADOS	956
55	BRAZIL	934
56	JAMAICA	848
57	OMAN	825
58	CHILE	690
59	BELIZE	650
60	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	620
61	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	614
62	BOTSWANA	605
63	MEXICO	579
64	ROMANIA	485
65	LESOTHO	474
66	KOREASOUTH	458
67	SURINAME	444
68	KAZAKHSTAN	405
69	LUXEMBOURG	403
70	TAIWAN	379
71	NIGERIA	345
72	SUDAN	336
73	GRENADA	328
74	HUNGARY	333
75	VIETNAM	315
76	CZECH REPUBLIC	296
77	ARGENTINA	259
78	CYPRUS	250
79	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	241
80	GUYANA	233
81	KUWAIT	202
82	SLOVAKIA	199
83	BELARUS	197
84	JORDAN	191
85	MALDIVES	189
86	LITHUANIA	186
87	EGYPT	185
88	UZBEKISTAN	183
89	MALTA	181
90	MOROCCO	183
91	BULGARIA	174
92	PERU	171
93	COLOMBIA	171
94	TURKEY	168
95	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	161
96	LATVIA	150
97	VENEZUELA	148
98	ICELAND	146

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99	ESTONIA	145
100	GHANA	135
101	SAINT LUCIA	120
102	AZERBAIJAN	120
103	ANDORRA	96
104	SLOVENIA	85
105	LAOS	84
106	CROATIA	81
107	AFGHANISTAN	78
108	QATAR	76
109	ECUADOR	75
110	LEBANON	72
111	ARMENIA	72
112	KYRGYZSTAN	71
113	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	66
114	TAJIKISTAN	64
115	COSTA RICA	63
116	CAYMAN ISLANDS	59
117	NAMIBIA	56
118	DOMINICA	55
119	ETHIOPIA	54
120	GEORGIA	50
121	SERBIA	49
122	IRAQ	48
123	MOLDOVA	47
124	BRUNEI	41
125	TUNISIA	41
126	GUATEMALA	38
127	MONGOLIA	36
128	TURKMENISTAN	35
129	BAHAMAS	34
130	CAMBODIA	33
131	ALGERIA	33
132	SYRIA	33
133	SAINT VINCENT-GRENADINES	32
134	PALESTINE	31
135	REUNION	31
136	SIERRA LEONE	31
137	ERITREA	28
138	URUGUAY	28
139	PARAGUAY	27
140	AMERICAN SAMOA	26
141	JERSEY	24
142	TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	24
143	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	24
144	SOMALIA	23
145	MACAU	22
146	BOLIVIA	21
147	LIECHTENSTEIN	20
148	COMOROS	19
149	ANGOLA	19

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150	HONDURAS	19
151	LIBERIA	19
152	COTE D-IVOIRE	19
153	ALBANIA	18
154	ZAIRE (DEM REP OF CONGO)	18
155	MACEDONIA	15
156	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	14
157	NEPAL	13
158	CAMEROON	13
159	WESTERN SAMOA	12
160	RWANDA	12
161	GIBRALTAR	11
162	NICARAGUA	11
163	EL SALVADOR	11
164	HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY)	10
165	BURUNDI	9
166	BERMUDA	9
167	VANUATU	9
168	BENIN	9
169	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	8
170	LIBYA	8
171	CHAD	7
172	TOGO	7
173	FRANCE METROPOLITAN	7
174	CAPE VERDE	7
175	TONGA	7
176	ANGUILLA	7
177	EAST TIMOR	6
178	MONTSERRAT	6
179	KOREA NORTH	5
180	TUVALU	5
181	REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	5
182	ARUBA	4
183	DJIBOUTI	4
184	SENEGAL	4
185	BURKINA FASO	3
186	FRENCH POLYNESIA	3
187	MARSHALL ISLANDS	3
188	MAURITANIA	2
189	GAMBIA	2
190	GUINEA-BISSAU	2
191	CUBA	2
192	MALI	2
193	KIRIBATI	2
194	HAITI	2
195	PUERTO RICO	2
196	DAR-US-SALAM	1
197	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	1
198	FRENCH GUIANA	1
199	CURACAO	1
200	REPUBLIC OF SLOVANIA	1
	TOTAL	3579011
