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Q.No.368. STUDENTS REFUSING TO LEAVE UKRAINE

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.7.2015

STUDENTS REFUSING TO LEAVE UKRAINE

368. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many Indian students refused to leave Ukraine's killing fields;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Ukraine Government has officially communicated to the Indian Embassy in Kiev that Government cannot guarantee their safety as they are behind the frontline;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure the safety of the above students in Ukraine?

ANSWER

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

- (a) In June 2014, the Government evacuated nearly 1000 Indian nationals, majority of them students, following the escalation of crisis in Donetsk and Lugansk regions in Ukraine. Advisories not to return to these affected regions and seek admission in institutions in other regions were issued. However, it has come to Government's notice that some students have nevertheless returned to the affected regions.
- (b) No.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Indian Mission in Kiev has issued several advisories and made relentless efforts to establish

contact with these students to urge them to move out of these areas. The Embassy has extended necessary assistance to all those students who have sought help in this regard.



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