GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.403 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

EASING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR INDIAN STUDENTS ENROLLED AT FOREIGN COUNTRIES

403. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any step for easing travel restrictions for Indian students enrolled at foreign universities to make their travel possible to respective countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) The Ministry has been making efforts for easing travel restrictions wherever in place, for Indian students enrolled in foreign universities to make their travel to respective countries possible. Our Missions abroad have been actively taking up these issues with the respective Governments and have been impressing upon those Governments to ease the travel restrictions. Also the issue of travel restrictions has been taken up at the Ministerial level with several countries. Consequently, travel restrictions are being eased for Indian students to travel to many countries, including USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Georgia, etc; more countries are expected to open up when Covid situation improves.
