

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 6
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

KILLINGS OF INDIAN MEDIA PERSONS ABROAD

***6#. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any country-wise and year-wise data on the killings of Indian media persons abroad during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to ensure the safety and security of media persons abroad?

ANSWER

THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER
(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 6, FOR REPLY ON 20.07.2023 REGARDING KILLINGS OF INDIAN MEDIA PERSONS ABROAD

As per information available with Indian Missions/Posts abroad, one Indian media person/journalist was killed in a foreign country in the last three years. An Indian photojournalist was killed in Afghanistan in July 2021.

The Government attaches the highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indian nationals in foreign countries, including media journalists/persons, and takes up the issue of providing safety and protection to all Indian nationals with foreign countries regularly.

Government also issues advisories regarding the security situation in different parts of the world as required to apprise Indian nationals including media persons/journalist. In regions/countries facing volatile/deteriorating security situation, the concerned Indian Missions/Posts issue security advisories briefing Indian nationals about the precautions and security measures to be adopted during their stay and local movements and if prudent, advising them to leave the region/country. Particularly, in view of the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan, the Indian Mission in Kabul had issued several security advisories, since April 2021, briefing them about the precautions and security measures to be adopted during their stay and local movements in Afghanistan and advising Indians to leave Afghanistan.
