

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017**

INDIANS KIDNAPPED ABROAD

**5210. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of Indians being taken as hostage by various organizations in foreign countries have come to light;**
- (b) if so, the country-wise details of the last two years in this regard;**
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to facilitate the release of Indian hostages;**
- (d) the number of Indians taken as hostage and then got rescued as result of the efforts made by the Government; and**
- (e) the names of the countries from where the said hostage were rescued?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) As per the information available with the Ministry, 27 Indian nationals were kidnapped during 2015, 2016 and 2017 (till date) in foreign countries and 25 of them have been released and 1 died. One Indian national continues to be in captivity in Yemen since 2016. A list showing country-wise details is attached at Annexure.

The safety and security of Indian nationals in foreign countries is a matter of foremost concern for the Government of India. The Government keeps a close watch on the situation in strife-torn countries, issues advisories wherever required and engages the local authorities regularly to prevent incidents of kidnapping, while simultaneously making every effort to secure the release of those in captivity.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Name of Country	The number of Indians kidnapped in foreign countries during the last two years and rescued by the efforts of Government during the last two years and current year					
		2015		2016		2017	
		Kidnapped	Released	Kidnapped	Released	Kidnapped	Released
1	Afghanistan	0	1*	1	1	0	0
2	Libya	6	6	0	0	0	0
3	Nigeria	5	5	5	5	0	0
4	Philippines	1	1#	0	0	0	0
5	Senegal	0	0	1	1	0	0
6	South Sudan	0	0	0	0	2	2
7	Thailand	2	2	1	1	0	0
8	Turkey	0	0	0	0	2	2
9	Yemen (Republic of)	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Total	14	15	9	8	4	4

* One Indian national who was kidnapped on 2 June 2014 was released safely on 22 February 2015.

died in captivity.
