

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5231
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019

INDIANS ON DEATH ROW

5231. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indians on death row in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates along with the details thereof, country-wise;
- (b) out of the total number of Indians on death row in the above-mentioned countries, how many have been convicted for drug related offences;
- (c) the specific steps taken by the Ministry and the various missions in these countries to assist those Indians on death row;
- (d) whether the Minister received any assurance from the Governments of the aforesaid States to commute the death penalty awarded to such persons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) As per the information available with the Ministry, total number of Indians on death row in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates is 44, including 5 who have been convicted for drug related offences. Details are given at Annexure.

(c) Indian Missions/Posts abroad remain vigilant and closely monitor the incidents of Indian nationals being put in jail in foreign countries for violation of local laws or alleged violation of local laws. Apart from extending them all possible consular assistance, Indian Missions and Posts also assist in providing legal aid wherever needed. Missions and Posts also maintain a local panel of lawyers where Indian community is in sizeable numbers.

(d) & (e) The Government, through its Missions/Posts abroad and during high level visits, takes up and pursues grant of amnesty/commutation of sentences of Indian prisoners in foreign countries. Since 2016 till present, in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, a total of 3087 Indian nationals have received amnesty or commutation of their sentences.

ANNEXURE

S No	Name of Country	Number of Indians on death row	Number of Indians on death row convicted for drug related offences
1	Bahrain	Nil	Nil
2	Iraq	Nil	Nil
3	Kuwait	9	5
4	Oman	Nil	Nil
5	Qatar	Nil	Nil
6	Saudi Arabia	12	Nil
7	United Arab Emirates	23	Nil
	Total	44	5
