

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4015  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020

**DEATH OF INDIANS ABROAD**

4015. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of people of Indian origin who died abroad, while working there during the last three years and this year, year-wise and country-wise;
- (b) whether the process of bringing back their bodies is tedious and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to simplify the process; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) As per the information available with the Ministry, 27,242 Indians have died abroad, including those working there during the last three years and this year. Country-wise detailed list is given at Annexure.

(b) to (d) The process of transportation of mortal remains to India involves various steps, most of which are to be undertaken by the local authorities in the country concerned. The following are the steps involved in transportation of mortal remains from a foreign country, viz.

- Medical report / death certificate issued from the hospital concerned;
- Police report (with English translation, if report is in some other language), in case of accidental or unnatural death;
- Consent letter from next of kin of the deceased for local cremation / burial / transportation of mortal remains;
- Clearance and arrangements for embalming of mortal remains from the authorities concerned in the foreign country;
- Clearance from local immigration/ customs department.
- Clearance from Indian customs authorities.

These procedures differ somewhat from country to country and therefore there is no fixed time frame for eventual transportation. Government of India attaches high priority to addressing and resolving the issue pertaining to Transportation of Mortal remains of Indian nationals who die abroad. Our Missions/ Posts liaise with the foreign officials concerned to expedite procedures for the repatriation of mortal remains to India and extend all possible assistance

to the family of the deceased. Generally, the transportation of mortal remains is quicker in cases of natural deaths in comparison to the cases of unnatural deaths, due to local procedures involved in those countries for investigating the cause of death in case of unnatural death.

\*\*\*

**LS FAQ 4015 regarding Death of Indians Abroad**

S.No	Country	details of the number of people of Indians who died abroad during the last three years			
		2017	2018	2019	2020
1	Afghanistan	2	3	1	1
2	Algeria	6	1	5	1
3	Angola	4	9	0	0
4	Argentina	4	0	1	0
5	Armenia	2	6	1	2
6	Austria	14	6	18	0
7	Australia	103	119	112	17
8	Azerbaijan	0	0	6	1
9	Bahrain	237	234	211	55
10	Belarus	0	0	1	0
11	Bangladesh	30	29	35	0
12	Belgium	8	21	3	0
13	Bhutan	8	5	14	4
14	Botswana	4	11	8	0
15	Brazil	4	1	0	1
16	Brunei	8	12	15	2
17	Bulgaria	2	0	0	0
18	Cambodia	1	2	8	0
19	Canada	140	142	239	9
20	Chile	1	1	1	0
21	China	48	52	57	0
22	Congo	11	17	12	3
23	Colombia	4	2	1	0
24	Cote D' Ivoire	5	11	8	2
25	Croatia	0	0	2	0
26	Cuba	0	0	1	1
27	Cyprus	0	0	2	0
28	Czech Republic	2	2	1	1
29	Denmark	8	2	1	1
30	Egypt	9	16	10	0
31	Ethiopia	9	10	18	0
32	Fiji	3	2	0	0
33	Finland	4	2	2	2
34	France	15	17	23	0
35	Germany	57	74	64	13
36	Ghana	13	21	14	0
37	Greece	17	22	29	7
38	Guatemala	0	0	0	0
39	Guyana	1	1	0	0
40	Hungary	4	4	2	0
41	Iceland	0	0	0	0
42	Indonesia	25	54	36	2

43	Iran	11	11	11	1
44	Iraq	2	4	12	1
45	Ireland	4	10	11	0
46	Israel	6	8	8	0
47	Italy	142	194	239	0
48	Jamaica	5	4	3	0
49	Japan	15	23	11	5
50	Jordan	16	13	10	4
51	Kazakhstan	1	2	5	0
52	Kenya	20	11	24	2
53	Korea (DPR)	0	0	0	0
54	Korea (Republic of)	2	4	4	1
55	Kuwait	591	659	707	111
56	Kyrgyzstan	0	1	1	0
57	Laos PDR	1	2	0	0
58	Lebanon	0	0	11	6
59	Libya	0	0	1	0
60	Madagascar	9	7	7	0
61	Malawi	6	11	8	1
62	Malaysia	317	348	441	75
63	Maldives	11	14	7	1
64	Mali	2	4	2	1
65	Malta	0	0	3	1
66	Mauritius	3	15	9	1
67	Mexico	7	2	6	1
68	Morocco	0	4	1	0
69	Mongolia	0	0	0	0
70	Mozambique	10	13	11	1
71	Myanmar	4	7	8	0
72	Namibia	0	0	3	0
73	Nepal	80	71	101	7
74	Netherlands	10	12	8	1
75	New Zealand	43	51	49	7
76	Niger	0	1	0	1
77	Nigeria	25	25	13	7
78	Norway	2	7	3	1
79	Oman	495	526	485	72
80	Pakistan	3	3	1	NA
81	Palestine	0	0	1	0
82	Panama	1	8	2	0
83	Papua New Guinea	0	1	2	0
84	Peru	0	0	1	0
85	Philippines	64	60	77	0
86	Poland	6	7	4	0
87	Portugal	8	5	17	1
88	Qatar	282	285	250	58

89	Romania	0	1	1	0
90	Russia	8	13	16	1
91	Saudi Arabia	2664	2551	2353	493
92	Serbia	0	1	1	0
93	Senegal	1	6	5	0
94	Seychelles	5	7	7	2
95	Singapore	151	158	165	30
96	Slovak Republic	1	0	0	0
97	Slovenia	0	0	0	0
98	South Africa	31	30	37	9
99	South Sudan	2	2	4	1
100	Spain	18	29	37	0
101	Sri Lanka	30	32	47	2
102	Sudan	1	4	2	0
103	Suriname	1	4	1	0
104	Sweden	0	1	2	1
105	Switzerland	8	7	10	0
106	Syria	0	0	2	0
107	Tajikistan	0	1	0	0
108	Tanzania	35	28	21	0
109	Thailand	83	80	101	13
110	Trinidad & Tobago	0	0	0	0
111	Tunisia	0	0	0	
112	Turkey	11	10	4	0
113	Turkmenistan	0	1	0	0
114	Uganda	26	40	41	0
115	United Arab Emirates	1637	1759	1751	331
116	United Kingdom	120	104	141	21
117	Ukraine	5	6	2	0
118	United States of America	451	373	458	131
119	Uzbekistan	0	0	1	0
120	Venezuela	0	0	0	0
121	Vietnam	3	12	9	1
122	Yemen	0	0	0	0
123	Zambia	10	13	13	1
124	Zimbabwe	0	2	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8319</b>	<b>8619</b>	<b>8773</b>	<b>1531</b>

\*\*\*