

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022**

DEATH OF INDIAN WORKERS ABROAD

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of Indian origin workers who died abroad while working there during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the details of process for bringing the dead bodies back to the country in case of accidental death of labourers; and
- (c) the number of such dead bodies brought back to the country from abroad during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) As per the information available with the Ministry, Country-wise detailed list of Indians who died abroad, including those working there during the last three years is given at Annexure I.

(b) 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.

(c) The number of mortal remains brought back to India from abroad during the last three years is given at Annexure II.

Annexure I

LS FAQ 960 - Death Of Indian Workers Abroad

S.No	Country	Number of Indians who died abroad		
		2019	2020	2021
1	Afghanistan	1	8	2
2	Algeria	5	6	1
3	Angola	0	4	3
4	Argentina	1	1	3
5	Armenia	1	5	5
6	Austria	18	12	14
7	Australia	112	88	75
8	Azerbaijan	6	3	2
9	Bahrain	211	303	352
10	Belarus	1	0	2
11	Bangladesh	35	29	20
12	Belgium	3	2	15
13	Bhutan	14	22	21
14	Botswana	8	9	39
15	Brazil	0	2	3
16	Brunei	15	11	8
17	Bulgaria	0	0	2
18	Burkina Faso	0	2	1
19	Cambodia	8	5	11
20	Cameroon	0	5	8
21	Canada	239	129	149
22	Chile	1	0	4
23	China	57	34	33
24	Congo	12	22	23
25	Colombia	1	2	0
26	Cote D' Ivoire	8	12	5
27	Croatia	2	1	3
28	Cuba	1	2	1
29	Cyprus	2	6	10
30	Czech Republic	1	1	4
31	Denmark	1	5	5
32	Djibouti	0	1	0
33	Egypt	10	10	16
34	Equatorial Guinea	0	1	1
35	Eritrea	0	0	1
36	Ethiopia	18	4	11
37	Fiji	0	1	0
38	Finland	2	6	3
39	France	23	16	24
40	Germany	64	83	103

41	Ghana	14	19	22
42	Greece	29	34	41
43	Guatemala	0	0	1
44	Guinea	0	3	6
45	Hungary	2	3	2
46	Indonesia	36	23	34
47	Iran	11	7	14
48	Iraq	12	26	25
49	Ireland	11	8	5
50	Israel	8	5	6
51	Italy	239	216	304
52	Jamaica	3	1	2
53	Japan	11	24	21
54	Jordan	10	25	19
55	Kazakhstan	5	2	1
56	Kenya	24	20	41
57	Korea (Republic of)	4	9	7
58	Kuwait	707	1279	1201
59	Kyrgyzstan	1	7	3
60	Laos PDR	0	1	0
61	Lebanon	11	21	10
62	Libya	1	0	1
63	Madagascar	7	4	6
64	Malawi	8	11	20
65	Malaysia	441	412	592
66	Maldives	7	13	17
67	Mali	2	7	7
68	Malta	3	2	6
69	Mauritius	9	9	10
70	Mexico	6	3	5
71	Morocco	1	1	2
72	Mongolia	0	0	1
73	Mozambique	11	14	11
74	Myanmar	8	8	10
75	Namibia	3	0	3
76	Nepal	101	105	91
77	Netherlands	8	17	12
78	New Zealand	49	20	31
79	Niger	0	2	0
80	Nigeria	13	79	75
81	Norway	3	1	3
82	Oman	485	630	913
83	Pakistan	1	6	1
84	Palestine	1	0	0
85	Panama	2	4	10
86	Papua New Guinea	2	1	1
87	Peru	1	0	2
88	Philippines	77	51	67
89	Poland	4	13	12

90	Portugal	17	14	19
91	Qatar	250	385	420
92	Romania	1	3	8
93	Russia	16	19	26
94	Rwanda	0	2	4
95	Saudi Arabia	2353	3753	2328
96	Serbia	1	0	3
97	Senegal	5	6	7
98	Seychelles	7	7	6
99	Sierra Leone	0	0	1
100	Singapore	165	166	170
101	Slovak Republic	0	0	1
102	South Africa	37	35	66
103	South Sudan	4	3	6
104	Spain	37	32	25
105	Sri Lanka	47	27	28
106	Sudan	2	21	20
107	Suriname	1	0	1
108	Swaziland	0	3	6
109	Sweden	2	6	5
110	Switzerland	10	12	2
111	Syria	2	0	3
112	Tanzania	21	27	48
113	Thailand	101	76	113
114	Togo	0	0	4
115	Trinidad & Tobago	0	1	7
116	Tunisia	0	3	7
117	Turkey	4	6	9
118	Turkmenistan	0	0	1
119	Uganda	41	57	44
120	United Arab Emirates	1751	2454	2714
121	United Kingdom	141	90	140
122	Ukraine	2	6	13
123	United States of America	458	280	395
124	Uzbekistan	1	1	3
125	Venezuela	0	0	3
126	Vietnam	9	9	4
127	Yemen	0	0	2
128	Zambia	13	11	25
129	Zimbabwe	1	3	3

Annexure II**Number of mortal remains brought back to India from abroad**

S.No.	Country	2019	2020	2021
1	Afghanistan	1	4	2
2	Algeria	5	4	0
3	Angola	0	2	1
4	Argentina	0	1	3
5	Armenia	1	5	3
6	Austria	4	0	6
7	Australia	87	48	66
8	Azerbaijan	6	3	2
9	Bahrain	199	160	261
10	Belarus	0	0	1
11	Bangladesh	22	25	17
12	Belgium	3	1	14
13	Bhutan	9	20	20
14	Botswana	0	2	3
15	Brazil	0	1	0
16	Bulgaria	0	0	1
17	Burkina Faso	0	1	1
18	Cambodia	4	0	1
19	Cameroon	0	2	1
20	Canada	85	41	56
21	Chile	0	0	2
22	China	40	20	9
23	Congo	2	3	1
24	Colombia	0	2	0
25	Cote D' Ivoire	6	11	4
26	Croatia	2	1	2
27	Cuba	0	1	0
28	Cyprus	1	5	9
29	Czech Republic	1	0	4
30	Denmark	0	4	5
31	Egypt	7	5	7
32	Ethiopia	15	1	3
33	Equatorial Guinea	0	0	1
34	Finland	0	3	0
35	France	15	12	17
36	Germany	26	22	39
37	Ghana	12	0	10
38	Greece	27	23	37
39	Guinea	0	2	1
40	Hungary	1	1	1
41	Indonesia	24	7	9
42	Iran	6	4	8
43	Iraq	10	24	22
44	Ireland	10	2	5

45	Israel	8	0	6
46	Italy	229	128	214
47	Japan	4	18	14
48	Jordan	9	19	11
49	Kazakhstan	5	0	1
50	Kenya	13	6	24
51	Korea (Republic of)	3	2	5
52	Kuwait	603	664	718
53	Kyrgyzstan	1	4	2
54	Laos PDR	0	1	0
55	Lebanon	11	9	3
56	Madagascar	1	1	0
57	Malawi	5	5	2
58	Malaysia	390	315	287
59	Maldives	7	9	17
60	Mali	2	3	5
61	Malta	2	2	5
62	Mauritius	9	5	8
63	Mexico	2	3	4
64	Morocco	1	1	1
65	Mozambique	5	3	5
66	Myanmar	4	1	2
67	Namibia	2	0	0
68	Nepal	53	81	20
69	Netherlands	7	14	11
70	New Zealand	21	10	12
71	Niger	0	1	0
72	Nigeria	8	22	42
73	Norway	2	1	2
74	Oman	415	298	370
75	Pakistan	1	0	1
76	Papua New Guinea	1	1	0
77	Philippines	26	39	19
78	Poland	3	9	2
79	Portugal	11	14	17
80	Qatar	192	272	292
81	Romania	0	2	6
82	Russia	14	15	14
83	Saudi Arabia	886	894	961
84	Serbia	0	0	2
85	Senegal	3	5	7
86	Seychelles	3	7	1
87	Sierra Leone	0	0	1
88	Singapore	163	144	107
89	South Africa	27	15	17
90	South Sudan	3	3	6
91	Spain	6	6	3
92	Sri Lanka	35	21	17
93	Sudan	2	19	6

94	Suriname	1	0	0
95	Sweden	1	2	0
96	Swaziland	0	0	1
97	Switzerland	2	2	2
98	Syria	0	0	3
99	Tanzania	2	4	6
100	Thailand	33	9	3
101	Togo	0	0	4
102	Trinidad & Tobago	0	0	5
103	Turkey	4	5	9
104	Turkmenistan	0	0	1
105	Uganda	0	7	8
106	United Arab Emirates	878	1410	1464
107	United Kingdom	117	84	133
108	Ukraine	2	4	5
109	United States of America	406	220	245
110	Uzbekistan	1	1	3
111	Vietnam	8	5	3
112	Zambia	7	0	12
113	Zimbabwe	0	2	1
