

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2048**

**ANSWERED ON- 02/08/2024**

**RESCUE OF VICTIMS OF ONLINE RECRUITMENT FRAUDS**

**2048. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-**

**(a) whether the India has rescued 250 Indians from Cambodia who had been lured there by cyber fraud and fake online recruitment scams;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government has been coordinating with the Cambodian authorities and with agencies in India to crack down on those responsible for these fraudulent schemes, if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Chinese were also part of these fraudulent schemes;  
and**

**(e) if so, the steps taken in coordination with Chinese Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)**

**(a & b) Instances have come to notice of Indian nationals being lured by fake job offers to Cambodia, and made to carry out cyber crime. Some of the Indians/their families have approached Government of India seeking help for repatriation to India. Our Embassy in Phnom Penh has coordinated the rescue and repatriation of about 650 Indian nationals (till 25 July 2024).**

**(c) Government of India continues to work closely with the Cambodian authorities, State Governments and law enforcement agencies in India and other concerned stakeholders to address the matter.**

**(d & e) The matter has been raised at high levels with the Cambodian side which has been urged to take necessary action within their jurisdiction.**

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