

**Government of India**

**Ministry of External Affairs**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1248**

**ANSWER ON – 06/02/2026**

**Abduction of Indian Nationals in Mali**

**1248. Shri Eswarasamy K**

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

**(a) Whether the Government is aware of the reported abduction of five Indian nationals from Tamil Nadu working on an electrification project in Mali, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) The details of the diplomatic steps taken by the Government, including coordination with the Indian Embassy in Bamako and international agencies, to ensure their safe and early release;**

**(c) Whether any communication has been received from the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board or the State Government of Tamil Nadu regarding this incident and if so, the action taken thereon; and**

**(d) The measures being taken by the Government to ensure the safety and security of Indian citizens employed in high-risk regions in abroad?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a) The Ministry is aware of the abduction of five Indian nationals, who were working on an electrification project in Mali, employed by M/s Sri Vinayaka Power Engineering, a sub-contractor of Transrail Lighting Ltd. On 06 November 2025, a group of armed assailants attacked the labour camp in Kobri village, Kayes region and abducted five technicians who were staying there.**

**(b) The Government of India, through its Embassy in Bamako, has taken up the matter with the Government of Mali and is coordinating with Malian authorities for safe and early release of the abducted Indian nationals. The Government of Mali has assured of its cooperation for the safe release of Indian nationals. Further, the Embassy of India in Bamako is in regular contact with the employer of the abducted five Indian nationals. The Ministry has also been in communication with the Embassy of Mali in India in this regard.**

**(c) Yes, the Government of India has received a communication from the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board regarding the five Indian nationals and conveyed them steps taken by the Government for their safe and early release.**

**(d) The Government remains in close coordination with relevant host Governments to facilitate appropriate security arrangements for Indian nationals working in high risk regions abroad. In situations where the security environment poses potential risks, Indian Missions issue advisories, alerting Indian citizens to exercise caution and follow safety measures. Missions remain in regular communication with Indian employers and community representatives to monitor developments and ensure the continued safety and well being of Indian nationals.**

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