

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1709
To be answered on 9th December, 2015

Indians Committing Suicide Abroad

†1709. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether incidents of suicides being committed by Indians working and living abroad particularly in the Gulf countries is on the rise during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has acquired information about all such incidents from the countries concerned;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assistance provided/facilities of counselling available in the Missions/Posts abroad to such Indians in distress?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS

GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) to (d): As per information received from 164 Indian Missions/ Posts in respect of 142 countries including Gulf Countries by 4th December, 2015, the data on number of Indians working and living abroad who have committed suicide during 2013, 2014 and 2015 is given in the Annexure. The figures do not show any significant increase over the years. The information is acquired by the Indian Missions from different sources such as the local authorities, family members, etc.

(e): In order to provide assistance to distressed Indians, the Missions/ Posts have provided the following facilities and assistance:

- **Embassy officials regularly undertake visits to various places in order to provide necessary assistance to Indians in distress in deportation centres, jails, labour camps, etc.**
- **24x7 Helplines are operated by some of the Indian Missions at the Embassy premises. Missions also take up the matter with the local authorities for resolution of their problems.**
- **The Ministry of External Affairs has launched an online Consular Grievances Monitoring System, named MADAD, on 21 February 2015, to extend a helping hand to Indians abroad requiring consular assistance. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) work together to address complaints received through MADAD.**
- **The Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) is used for providing relief and assistance to the needy Indians in distress, including for repatriation to India, for meeting expenditure on dispatch of mortal remains in deserving cases, for providing emergency medical treatment to destitute Indians, etc.**

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1709 to be answered on 09.12.2015 regarding "Indians Committing Suicide Abroad".

Sl. No.	Country	No. of Indians working & living abroad who have committed suicide		
		2013	2014	2015
1.	Armenia	1	1	Nil
2.	Australia	2	5	2
3.	Austria	0	0	2
4.	Bahrain	14	17	17
5.	China	Nil	1	Nil
6.	Egypt	1	Nil	Nil
7.	Germany	0	1	1
8.	Iraq	Nil	Nil	1
9.	Israel	2	1	1
10.	Korea (Republic of)	Nil	1	Nil
11.	Kuwait	44	35	38
12.	Lebanon	Nil	Nil	2
13.	Malaysia	26	38	13
14.	Maldives	1	1	1
15.	Mozambique	Nil	Nil	1
16.	Netherlands	Nil	Nil	1
17.	New Zealand	1	Nil	Nil
18.	Oman	54	33	36
19.	Philippines	Nil	1	Nil
20.	Qatar	12	13	21
21.	Russian Federation	Nil	Nil	1
22.	Saudi Arabia	124	106	107
23.	Seychelles	2	Nil	Nil
24.	Singapore	32	13	13
25.	St. Kitts and Nevis	0	0	1
26.	Sudan	0	0	1
27.	UAE	181	184	176
	TOTAL	497	451	436

The rest of the Missions/ Posts who have responded have sent "NIL" reports.
