

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3022
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

INDIANS DIED ABROAD

**3022. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:**

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;**
- (c) if so, whether this 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
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) Country-wise details of the number of people of Indian origin who died while abroad, during the last three years and this year, are attached at 'Annexure'.

(b) to (d) For the purpose of bringing back the mortal remains of an Indian national, registration of death at the concerned Indian Mission/Post is necessary, for which normally the following documents are required:

- Medical report / death certificate issued from a hospital;**
- Copy of detailed 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, duly attested by a notary;**
- Copy of passport and visa pages;**

In addition to the above, other documents such as clearance and arrangements for embalming of mortal remains, clearance from local immigration/customs department, etc are required. These procedures may differ from country to country.

While there is no undue delay in cases of natural deaths, the time taken in transporting the mortal remains to India is longer in the case of unnatural deaths, because of local procedures involved in those countries for investigating the cause of death.

Our Missions/Posts remain in constant touch with the concerned foreign Governments to expedite procedures for the repatriation of mortal remains to India.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Name of Country	The details of the number of people of Indian origin who died abroad while working there during the last three years and this year			
		2013	2014	2015	2016 (till date)
1	Afghanistan	7	11	6	1
2	Armenia	3	2	0	0
3	Azerbaijan	1	0	0	0
4	Bangladesh	2	3	1	0
5	Bulgaria	1	0	0	0
6	Belarus	1	0	0	0
7	Botswana	0	1	1	0
8	Switzerland	1	0	1	0
9	Chille	3	0	0	0
10	China	9	7	5	0
11	Cote d' Ivoire	3	6	2	0
12	Cuba	1	0	0	0
13	Cyprus	5	1	5	0
14	Czech Republic	0	1	0	0
15	Denmark	2	0	0	0
16	Algeria	2	4	4	0
17	Ethiopia	6	10	12	0
18	Finland	0	0	1	0
19	Fiji	2	2	0	0
20	France	14	22	15	0
21	Kingston	1	2	2	0
22	Croatia	0	0	1	0
23	Brunei Darussalem	0	3	1	0
24	Iran	0	0	1	0
25	Japan	5	4	7	0
26	Kazakhstan	1	3	0	0
27	Kenya	1	4	2	0
28	Cambodia	1	1	0	0
29	Korea (Rep.)	2	5	1	0
30	Kuwait	533	559	611	0
31	Laos	1	2	1	0
32	Libya	14	10	5	0
33	Mexico	0	0	1	0
34	Mali	0	0	1	0
35	Mongolia	0	0	1	0
36	Mauritius	1	0	0	0
37	Malawi	5	4	7	0
38	Namibia	1	1	0	0
39	Niger	0	0	1	0
40	Nigeria	12	20	11	0
41	Netherlands	2	0	0	0
42	Norway	0	0	1	0
43	Panama	8	8	10	0
44	Papua New Guinea	0	1	1	0
45	Poland	1	0	1	0
46	Russian Federation	5	7	7	0
47	Senegal	2	3	4	0

48	Suriname	0	0	1	0
49	Swedan	1	0	0	0
50	Syria	1	0	0	0
51	Trinidad and Tobago	1	2	2	0
52	Turkey	3	1	3	0
53	Venezuela	1	1	0	0
54	Vietnam	2	2	4	0
55	Yemen	3	12	9	0
56	Zambia	7	2	13	0
57	Angola	5	9	1	1
58	Brazil	4	3	2	1
59	Brunei Darussalem	12	8	12	1
60	Germany	29	39	36	1
61	Ireland	2	2	2	1
62	Iraq	15	16	11	1
63	Sri Lanka	5	5	5	1
64	Zambia	3	4	5	1
65	Seychelles	6	6	2	1
66	Tajikistan	0	1	1	1
67	Uganda	31	31	35	1
68	Congo (D.Rep.)	10	9	13	2
69	Indonesia	9	6	13	2
70	Israel	9	4	9	2
71	Sudan	19	6	8	2
72	Egypt	4	7	9	3
73	Ghana	9	17	13	3
74	Belgium	6	10	4	4
75	Jordan	9	10	13	4
76	New Zealand	24	18	26	4
77	Greece	16	25	18	5
78	Lebanon	23	17	21	5
79	Austria	13	7	21	6
80	Tanzania	5	12	21	6
81	South Africa	17	37	28	6
82	Bhutan	22	9	15	7
83	Philippines	55	53	44	10
84	Nepal	33	50	94	13
85	Australia	19	62	41	14
86	Italy	95	82	77	17
87	United Kingdom	110	114	109	20
88	Singapore	136	150	136	37
89	Bahrain	163	175	223	45
90	United States of America	222	238	267	52
91	Qatar	241	279	279	62
92	Oman	555	519	520	90
93	Saudi Arabia	2388	2411	2674	558
94	United Arab Emirates	2431	2513	2741	622
	Total	7433	7691	8312	1613
