

Regarding need to bring back stranded Indians from Russia-Laid

SHRI RADHAKRISHNA (GULBARGA): I would like to address an issue of utmost urgency concerning the safety and security of young citizens of our country, particularly from my constituency of Kalaburagi, who have been forced to fight on the frontlines of the Russia-Ukraine war. Three youths were deceived into entering the battlefield under the guise of securing jobs as security guards in Russia. These young people were merely seeking better job opportunities and improved living conditions. This tragic situation has already claimed lives; two individuals, from Hyderabad and from Haryana, have lost their lives on the frontlines of this war. Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, had also written to the Minister of External Affairs on February 22, 2024, in this regard urging the Government to secure the safe passage and immediate return of all Indians stranded in Russia. However, despite the Minister's assurance and the Prime Minister's much hyped meeting with the Russian President, there has been no update on the return of our citizens. I strongly urge the Government to address this issue at the highest level with the Russian Government and ensure that our children are brought back home at the earliest, safe and sound.