

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2057
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000
DELAY IN SENDING INDIAN DEAD BODIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the Government have taken any diplomatic initiative with the Gulf countries, in particular with Saudi Arabia on inordinate delay in sending back the bodies of Indians who died due to accident on account of inordinate time taken in completion of medico-legal formalities; and

(b) if so, the response of these countries ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b)

The Government have been consistently taking up with the Gulf countries including recently with Dr.Nizar Obaid Madani, Saudi Assistant Foreign Minister, the question of early completion of medico-legal formalities required in case of death of Indian nationals in accidents.