

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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COMPENSATION TO AIR CRASH VICTIMS
C. KRISHNAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in October 2000 a Lao Aviation plane crashed;
- (b) if so, the number of Indians aboard the ill fated flight;
- (c) the number out of them killed and survived;
- (d) whether any compensation has since been paid to the victims;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the agency incurring medical expenses of those who have survived the crash; and
- (g) the efforts being made through diplomatic channels to ensure that victims and survivors of the crash get adequate compensation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Four.
- (c) All the four survived.
- (d)&(e): No compensation has yet been paid. However, the Lao Aviation has paid for the medical expenses in Thailand of the four Indian nationals and for their return fares to India.
- (f) The Lao Aviation.
- (g) The Embassy is in touch with the Lao Aviation authorities and the Lao Government to ensure that the victims get the maximum possible compensation.