

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BRINGING BACK MORTAL REMAINS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the arrangements made by the Ministry to bring the mortal remains of Indians dying abroad; and
- (b) the number of cases during 200-2001 in which the last rites of such persons were performed abroad?

Answer

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

(a) In the event of death of an Indian national, our Missions abroad render the necessary consular assistance including issuance of death certificate and no objection certificate for transportation of the mortal remains to India. They also inform the next of kin in India and liaise with the local authorities for facilitating the transportation of the mortal remains to India or local burial/cremation.

(b) As per available information, last rites of 193 such persons were performed abroad during the current year till 23.11.2000.