

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5462  
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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Indians lost their lives in a cargo vessel carrying illegal immigrants broke down and sank in the Mediterranean Sea on January 1, 2001; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to eliminate such illegal immigration?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT ( SHRI MUNI LALL )

(a) : As per available information no Indian has lost his life in the said tragedy.

(b) : The steps taken/being taken to prevent illegal emigration of Indian workers include scrutiny of travel documents including employment contracts by the Protectors of Emigrants, before grant of emigration clearance, and further scrutiny of these documents by the immigration authorities at the airports. The State Governments have also been requested to issue instructions right upto the police station level to keep a strict vigil on the activities of the unauthorised agents.