

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:291  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003  
INDIANS KILLED IN RIYADH BLASTS  
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some Indians were killed in the Riyadh blasts on November 9, 2003:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bring their bodies to the country and provide compensation to the families of the victims?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Two Indian nationals: (1) Meraj Khalid and (2) Naeem Ahmed Jameel Ahmed Khan died in the Riyadh bombing on 9th November 2003. Their relatives have identified the bodies at the mortuary in Riyadh.
- (c) Necessary action has already been taken in consultation with their next of kin to complete formalities for disposal of the mortal remains. Indian Embassy is also extending help to the next of kin so that they get entitled benefits in accordance with Saudi laws and regulations