

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1057
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INDIANS KILLED IN IRAQ
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some Indians were also among those killed in the recent bomb attacks by US in Iraq;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Indians currently working in Iraq;
- (d) whether the issue regarding their safety has been taken up with the concerned authorities; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- a) The Government is not aware of death of Indians in bomb attacks by US in Iraq.
- b) Does not arise.
- c) An estimated 5052 Indians are said to be working in Iraq currently.
- (d) & (e): The matter of safety of Indians working in Iraq has been taken up with employers by our Missions in Baghdad, Kuwait and Jordan directly or through local American Mission. Employers have assured our Missions of adequate insurance and security arrangements for their Indian employees working in Iraq. Our Mission in Baghdad visits camps from time to time to meet the Indian workers and to address their concerns including security. Embassy in Baghdad has also arrangements to house at a time 50 Indian workers requiring shelter. Our Missions in Baghdad, Amman and Jordan are in contact with employers for ensuring safety and well being of the Indian workers.