GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1193 ANSWERED ON:29.11.2006 INDIANS KILLED IN ARAB COUNTRIES Khanna Shri Avinash Rai;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has made any assessment of the Indians killed in Arab countries;

(b) if so, the number of Indians killed in these countries during the last three years, year-wise, country-wise;

(c) the number out of them who died natural and unnatural deaths;

(d) whether the necessary information has been sought from all these countries in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(f) whether compensation has been paid in all these cases; and

(g) if not, the time by which the pending compensation cases are likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a) Yes. The Government of India periodically reviews the situation.

(b)&(e) A statement giving details, year-wise and country-wise, along with causes of death, of Indians, who died in Arab countries during the last three years is enclosed as annexure.

(f)&(g) While in most of the cases compensation has been settled, in some, settlement is under process for various procedural reasons. Missions/Posts abroad regularly liaise with the employers of Indian nationals, who die abroad, for an early settlement of due compensation.