

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIANS MISSING IN MALAYSIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the statement made by the Prime Minister of Malaysia stating that 40,000 Indians who visited Malaysia on tourist visas, are missing;
- (b) if so, whether the Government had taken up the issue with the Prime Minister of Malaysia during his recent visit to India;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government of Malaysia thereto; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to trace the missing tourists?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (b) Government of India is aware of the statement made by Prime Minister of Malaysia that 39,046 Indian nationals who came through the visa-on-arrival facility have perhaps not left the country, even after their tourist visas have expired. The Malaysian Prime Minister also referred to this matter during his visit to India in January 2010.

(c) to (d) The Government of Malaysia is looking into reports about Indian nationals overstaying beyond the period of validity of their visas for purposes of employment with a view to repatriating them back to India since they do not have the valid work permits. The High Commission of India in Malaysia is coordinating with relevant agencies of the Malaysian Government to ensure the return of such Indian nationals who are identified by the Government of Malaysia as having overstayed in Malaysia.