

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:368

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SECURITY OF INDIANS ABROAD

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Indian nationals living in foreign countries including Australia are feeling insecure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a number of Indian nationals had reportedly died in the recent attacks on them in these countries;
- (d) if so, the number of deaths reported during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of Indian nationals working abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.368 for answer on 21-04-2010 regarding Security of Indians Abroad

(a) & (b): No Sir. However, in the light of recent events that have occurred in Australia some sections of the Indian community have expressed apprehensions about their safety and security.

(c) & (d): Available information on killing of Indian nationals, including due to attacks, are as follows:

| Country | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 (uptil April) | Remarks |
|--------------|------|------|------|--------------------|--|
| Australia | - | 01 | 02 | 04 | |
| Iran | - | 01 | - | - | |
| Iraq | 05 | 09 | 05 | - | Due to attacks on military bases/convoys |
| Jamaica | - | - | - | 01 | |
| New Zealand | - | - | - | 01 | |
| Nigeria | - | - | 01 | - | |
| Oman | - | 03 | 02 | - | |
| Philippines | 05 | 14 | 15 | 2 | During robbery /kidnapping |
| Senegal | - | - | - | 01 | |
| South Africa | - | - | 01 | 01 | |
| Ukraine | - | - | 01 | - | |
| Yemen | 01 | - | - | - | |

(e): The Indian Missions/ Posts abroad regularly take up incidents of attacks on Indians with the host governments whenever such incidents or instances are brought to their notice for appropriate action.