

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

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INDIANS WORKING IN US CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that four thousand Indians are working in painful conditions in the American military camps situated in Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to get them back to India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) The Indian Mission in Kabul has informed that there is no formal information available with them about Indian workers recruited to serve the United States Army and living in painful conditions in United States military bases in Afghanistan. However, the Indian Mission in Kabul has come to know through informal channels that some of the Indian workers employed in US bases are not happy about the lack of telephone facilities to call home, lack of Indian food in the base kitchen and the stringent limitations on their freedom of movement outside the bases enforced by the base authorities because of the precarious security situations in Afghanistan.

(c) & (d) No request for repatriation has been received.