GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2267 ANSWERED ON:24.08.2012 INDIAN WORKERS IN SRI LANKA Venugopal Shri P.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the death of an Indian worker in Sri Lanka recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up this issue with the Sri Lankan Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure safety of Indian workers working in foreign countries including Sri Lanka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) As per the available information, an Indian worker, Shri Manas Kumar Mallick, an employee of CONFAB Steel (Pvt.) Ltd., Medagama, Sri Lanka, fell while working in the premises of the said factory and succumbed to electrocution on 8th May, 2012.

The matter was immediately taken up by the High Commission of India in Colombo with the employer and the concerned authorities of the Government of Sri Lanka. The despatch of mortal remains of Shri Mallick was also facilitated so as to reach Bhubaneshwar on 16th May, 2012.

Government attaches high priority to the welfare, safety and security of Indians working abroad.