

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2144
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MISSING INDIANS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of persons of Indian origin working/residing abroad, especially in gulf countries are reported to be missing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether any special arrangement has been made by the Government for the investigation of such cases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b): Reports are periodically received of a few Indians working Overseas, including in Gulf Countries, being reported to be missing. The details of missing persons as received from some of the Indian Missions located in Emigration Check Required(ECR) countries including Gulf are as below:

Country	2010	2011	2012
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Afghanistan		Nil	
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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	11	06	12
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Kuwait	Reported to be few		
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Lebanon		Nil	
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Libya		Nil	
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Oman		05	
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Qatar Nil

Syria Nil

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(c) to (e): As soon as the information regarding the missing of an Indian is reported, the matter is taken up through the Indian Mission with the concerned local authorities and sponsors. The assistance of local Indians, friends, acquaintances and community volunteers are also taken to ascertain the whereabouts.