

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

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DEATH OF INDIANS ABROAD

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

- (a) whether a large number of Indians are being killed or committing suicide abroad and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify the reasons for increasing number of such incidents and if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the details of the assistance including financial provided by the Government to the families of Indians who died abroad;
- (d) whether there has been excessive delay in bringing their dead bodies to the country and if so, the reasons therefor;and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) On the basis of details received from 71 Indian Missions/Posts, the number of Indians killed or who committed suicide is as follows:

Year	Killed	Suicides
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2010	58	55
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2011	38	56
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2012	52	50
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- (b) There does not seem to be an increasing trend in the number of such deaths.
- (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d) & (e) Delays occur in some cases due to local laws and procedures or non-cooperation of sponsors etc. The entire process is subject to norms laid down by the host Governments. The Government of India, through the concerned Embassy of India, intervenes in cases where the delay seems to be unjustified.