

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:305

ANSWERED ON:12.02.2014

DEATH OF IMPRISONED INDIANS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the imprisoned Indians including fishermen who died abroad including in Pakistan during the last one year;
- (b) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the authorities of the respective countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the autopsies of dead bodies of the imprisoned Indians were conducted by the authorities concerned;
- (d) if so, the case-wise findings of the autopsies performed; and
- (e) whether the mortal remains of all those who have died have been brought back to the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, case-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 REGARDING 'DEATH OF IMPRISONED INDIANS' FOR ANSWER ON 12.02.2014

(a) to (e) In the last one year, reports of deaths of 11 imprisoned Indian nationals, including 3 fishermen, were received by Indian Missions/Posts in five of the 180 Indians Missions/Posts abroad.

As soon as the information about the death of an imprisoned Indian national came to the knowledge of the concerned Indian Mission/Post abroad, they took pro-active action by seeking a report from the local Foreign Office and other concerned authorities on the cause of the death of the imprisoned Indian national. Our Missions/Posts abroad also informed the next of kin of the deceased Indian national, and facilitated the transportation to India or local burial of mortal remains in accordance with the wishes of the family of the deceased. The relevant documents related to the deceased were attested and other assistance provided when required, including after office hours and on holidays.

Details of deaths of imprisoned Indians during the last one year are as follows:

S.No.	Country	Name of Person	Shri	Remarks
1.	New Zealand	Rajwinder Singh	Committed suicide on 06.02.2013 by hanging.	His mortal remains were transported to India on 19.02.2013. Final Post Mortem (autopsy) report is awaited.
2.	Pakistan	Chambail Singh	Died on 15.01.2013.	As per Post Mortem report, he fell on the ground and got hurt and succumbed to injuries. Mortal remains transported to India on 13.3.2013.
3.	Pakistan	Sarabjit Singh	Died on 02.05.2013.	As per Post Mortem Report, he died due to injuries after he was attacked by Pakistani jail inmates. Mortal remains were transported to India the same day.
4.	Pakistan	Dadu Bhai Naran	Died on 03.07.2013.	As per Post Mortem Report, Bhai (fisherman) he died due to sickness. Mortal remains transported to India on 25.7.2013.
5.	Pakistan	Bhika Lakha	Died on 19.12.2013.	Reasons of death are not known as post mortem is yet to be completed. Mortal remains yet to be sent to India.
6.	Pakistan	Kishore Bhagvanbhai Makwana	Found dead on 4.2.2014.	Pakistani authorities have been requested to complete all necessary formalities, including the post mortem to facilitate transportation of mortal remains at the earliest.
7.	Saudi Arabia	Mohammad Muntzir	Died on 19.11.2013	due to natural causes and buried locally on 01.01.2014 with consent of

- family. In Saudi Arabia, post mortem is not carried out in cases of natural death.
8. Saudi Arabia Mohammed Ahmed Khaja Died on 29.07.2013 due to natural causes and buried locally on 01.08.2013 with consent of family. In Saudi Arabia, post mortem is not carried out in cases of natural death.
 9. Thailand Rohit Sharma Died due to kidney failure on 6.6.2013. Post Mortem Report is awaited. Mortal Remains transported to India on 09.09.2013.
 10. United Arab Raju Kondakeril Philip Died on 09.07.2013 due to natural causes. Emirates His mortal remains were transported to India on 21.12.2013. In UAE, post mortem is not carried out in cases of natural death.
 11. United Arab Laxman Burra Committed suicide on 26.01.2014. His mortal Emirates remains were transported to India on 30.01.2014. The matter has been taken up with the local Foreign Office seeking investigation into the death and copies of the Post Mortem Report.