

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1572
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INDIAN NATIONAL ABDUCTED IN AFGHANISTAN
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indian aid worker who was allegedly abducted by terrorists in Afghanistan has since been traced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government for the safety of Indians serving in Afghanistan ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Father Alexis Prem Kumar Antonysamy, an Indian national was kidnapped by terrorists on June 2, 2014 from Sohadat, Zindajan district, Herat province in Afghanistan. At the time of his abduction, Father Prem Kumar, a Jesuit Priest was working with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), an international NGO, doing work in the educational field in Afghanistan. On Feb 22, 2015 his release was secured in Afghanistan and he was brought to New Delhi on the same day.

(c) Government takes all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of all Indian nationals working in Afghanistan, including by working closely with security agencies of the Government of Afghanistan and continuously upgrading security arrangements at our diplomatic premises and project sites.