

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Lost of Lives of Indians in Kabul
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that four Indians have lost their lives in an attack on Kabul's expat hub recently and many were injured;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of compensation paid to the next of kin and also to the injured;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the security around the Indian Mission in Kabul and to protect the Indians engaged in rebuilding the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) On 13 May 2015 in an attack on a guest house in Kabul city known to be frequented by foreign nationals, terrorist elements killed fifteen civilians including four Indian Nationals working in Afghanistan in their private capacities.

Immediately following the attack, the Indian Embassy commenced work to establish their identities and contact the next of kin. Steps were also taken to complete all the medico-legal formalities for early repatriation of the mortal remains. On 15 May 2015, Government sent a special Indian Air Force aircraft to Kabul to bring back the mortal remains of the deceased to Delhi and respective State Governments then organized the onward transportation to the respective home towns of the victims.

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