

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

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Death of Indians in Qatar

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

(a) the details of the Indian migrant workers in Qatar who have died since 2010 in connection with 2022 Football World Cup preparations;

(b) whether the Government is collaborating and taking measures along with human rights organisations relating to reports of forced labour and inhumane working conditions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS

GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) As reported by the Embassy of India, Qatar, based on the information available with them, a co-relation cannot be established between cases of demise of Indian migrant workers and the ongoing preparations for FIFA World Cup scheduled to be held in Qatar in 2022.

The number of deaths registered with the Embassy of India with regard to the Indian community in Qatar since 2010 are given in the table below. Most of these deaths appear to be due to natural causes.

Year Total Number of deaths

2010 233

2011 239

2012 237

2013 241

2014 279

2015 [14 July] 158

(b) & (c): The Embassy of India regularly discusses issues related to safety, security, wellbeing and welfare of Indian workers in Qatar at various levels with the Government of Qatar. India and Qatar also have a Joint Working Group on Manpower which provides a useful mechanism for engaging on these issues.