

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:342  
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2015  
Ebola Infected Countries  
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is in constant touch with the Indian Embassies in Ebola infected countries regarding the safety of Indians in those countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of Indians evicted, helped medically/financially from these countries on a country-wise basis, along with the number of Indians in those countries;
- (d) whether any Indian has been reported to be dead due to the Ebola and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Indian Government has undertaken relief measures in these countries to help international forces keep Ebola at bay, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 342 REGARDING "EBOLA INFECTED COUNTRIES" FOR ANSWER ON 12.08.2015

(a) & (b) Yes. The Indian Missions in Ebola affected countries have been directed to remain in regular contact with the Indian community as well as with the concerned Government and UN agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of Indian nationals. In addition, Indian Missions have been issuing regular advisories and also facilitating travel of those who had wanted to return to India.

(c) The total number of Indians present in Ebola affected countries include about 1500 in Liberia, about 700 in Guinea and about 500 in Sierra Leone and Guinea Conakry. The data regarding the number of Indians who returned during the Ebola crisis is not available.

(d) As per reports available with the Government, there has been only one Indian casualty so far. Mr. Mohammed Amir, who was employed with a pharmacy in Liberia, died of Ebola virus infection, on September 7, 2014. His family was informed of this unfortunate incident. As per WHO norms, the body of the deceased was buried locally.

(e) Government of India provided US \$ 50,000 worth of medical supplies on a bilateral basis to each of the three worst affected countries. In addition, Government contributed US \$ 10 million to the UN Ebola Trust Fund and US \$ 500,000 to the WHO to strengthen international efforts to combat the outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

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