## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:606 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2015 Indians Missing Abroad Ram Shri Janak

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

- (a) the number of Indian citizens missing in foreign countries during each of the last three years, year and country-wise;
- (b) the steps taken in consultation with various countries to trace them out along with the number out of them who have been traced till date; and
- (c) the effective steps undertaken to trace out the remaining missing persons?

## **Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) to (c): As per inputs received from 168 Indian Missions, as on 28.11.2015, the number of Indian citizens missing and traced in each of the last three years and country-wise is as per the annexure.

Indian missions/ posts have reported that on receipt of complaints from the families and authorities in India or in the country where they were reported missing, efforts are made to ascertain their whereabouts through the sponsor, friends and acquaintances. Thereafter, the local foreign office is approached with a request for investigation through local authorities. As soon as the person (s) is traced out, information is immediately conveyed to the complainants.