

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1694

ANSWERED ON:04.05.2016

Death of Indian Prisoner in Lahore Jail

Gaikwad Dr. Sunil Baliram; Jayavardhan Dr. Jayakumar; Mullappally Shri Ramachandran; S.R. Shri Vijay Kumar; Saini Shri Raj Kumar; Singh Shri Kunwar Haribansh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of Indians who died in prisons abroad during each of the last three years and the current year particularly in Pakistan;
- (b) whether the Government has taken up with Pakistan the matter of the mysterious death of Kripal Singh in Lahore Jail and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the mortal remains of all those who have died in foreign jails have been brought back to the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the autopsies of dead bodies are conducted by the respective Governments and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the autopsy report of Kripal Singh sent by Pakistan and the autopsy report by Indian doctors?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (e) As per the information available in our Missions/Posts abroad, 49 Indians died in prisons in various countries during the last three years and the current year. This includes 13 Indians who died in Pakistani jails during this period. Country-wise details as well as information about the repatriation of their mortal remains are indicated in Annexure.

The Government has taken up the matter of the death of late Shri Kirpal Singh with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan, requesting that a thorough investigation be undertaken in order to ascertain the reasons for his death and that the investigation report be shared with Indian authorities. We have also reiterated to the Government of Pakistan that it is their responsibility to ensure the safety, security and well-being of all Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails.

The Pakistani Government had conveyed that Shri Kirpal Singh had died of a heart attack. The report of the autopsy of late Shri Kirpal Singh, conducted in Pakistan on 19 April 2016, has not been shared by the Pakistani authorities with the Government of India. A second post-mortem was undertaken by a Medical Board set up by the State Government of Punjab in Amritsar later the same day, as soon as the body of Shri Kirpal Singh reached India.