

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3942
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INDIAN PILGRIMS IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several Indian pilgrims lost their lives in a recent bus accident in Nepal and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken up the matter with Nepal to provide necessary financial and other assistance to the kin of the deceased Indians and also to those injured; and.
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A bus carrying Indian pilgrims from Swargadwari to Krishnanagar, Kapilavastu District, Nepal, fell into the Madi River in Pyuthan district on June 2, 2014. 18 individuals died in the accident. Their bodies were transported back to India in coordination with the Uttar Pradesh administration. The Nepal Paschimanchal Yatayat Samity members met all the expenses for the initial medical treatment of the 38 Indian nationals injured in the accident, and the Universal College of Medical Sciences (UCMS), Bhairahawa, provided all necessary assistance for treating the critically injured and carrying out the post mortems of the deceased free of cost.