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Title: Need to provide adequate security to the Indians working in Afghanistan.

SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM (KRISHNAGIRI): Sir, on 12 April, 2008, two Indian engineers, viz., Shri C. Govindasawamy and Shri M.P. Singh were killed and five others injured who were working with Border Roads Organisation (BRO) project in Afghanistan for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Afghanistan in a suicide bomber attack.

Shri Govindaswamy is a resident of Village B. Tippanapalli, of my Krishnagiri Lok Sabha Constituency, Tamil Nadu. He was expected to be back home shortly but his untimely tragic death is unfortunate and condemnable. He is survived by his wife, three young daughters and one son.

This is not the first incidence that the Taliban is targeting the Indians working on BRO project. The BRO project began 2-1/2 years ago. In November, 2005, BRO driver, Shri M.R. Kutty was kidnapped and killed. In April, 2006, Shri K. Suryanarayana was abducted and his headless body was found later. Even in January, 2008, two Indians were killed in Taliban suicide attack.

India's assistance to Afghanistan, the landlocked country, to road projects is a genuine gesture but it should not be at the cost of the lives of innocent workers. This project has seen continued attacks. Both India and Afghanistan have failed to provide adequate security to them. We have no words to describe the cruel act of terrorists but the slain families are more agonized by the indifferent attitude of the Government. They have not got any official information about the timely dispatch of their bodies from Afghanistan.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government that the compensation in full may be provided to the victims' family and the injured immediately and steps may be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future and to safeguard the lives of the Indians working in Afghanistan.

* Treated as laid on the Table.