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Title: Need to bring mortal remains of NRIs from Gulf countries to the country free of cost - laid.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): India has around 90 Lakh people working in the Gulf countries and contribute around 37 billion USD to the nation. A good number of these NRIs are blue collared workers.

The family back in India faces an acute challenge and harrowing experience to transport the mortal remains from the Gulf to India. Almost 10 persons die every day in this sector.

Today the Airlines operating to India charge the transportation of mortal remain according to weight and volume, Recently the Govt has announced a flat rate on Air India for bringing the dead body which is between Rs. 28,500 and Rs. 42,800 depending on the country.

It is reported that some of our neighbouring countries transport the mortal remain free of cost.

I urge upon the Government to examine and consider free transporting of mortal remains of the NRIs to India which will help many families of blue collared job seekers in the Middle East.