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QUESTION NO.815 DEPORTING OF FUGITIVES FROM UK

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.815
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2017

DEPORTING OF FUGITIVES FROM UK

815. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had raised the issue of 57 fugitives hiding in United Kingdom and demanded their deportation during the discussion with the Prime Minister of United Kingdom recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received any assurance from the UK Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c) As of February 4, 2017, there are 15 extradition requests pending with the UK Government which are at various stages of execution. The Joint Statement issued on the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to India in November 2016, inter alia, noted that the two Prime Ministers agreed that fugitives and criminals should not be allowed to escape the law. The two leaders also affirmed their strong commitment to enhance cooperation under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty. They expressed their strong commitment to facilitate outstanding extradition requests from both sides. In this context, they directed that the officials dealing with extradition matters from both sides should meet at the earliest to develop better understanding of each countries' legal processes and requirements; share best practices, and identify the causes of delays and expedite pending requests. They also agreed that regular interactions between the relevant India-UK authorities would be useful to resolve all outstanding cases expeditiously.



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