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QUESTION NO.976 INDIANS KILLED IN AMERICA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.976
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

INDIANS KILLED IN AMERICA

†976. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indians killed during the last three years in America as a result of fatal attacks on them;
- (b) whether the Indian diaspora are feeling insecure in America due to these frequent killings;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the interest of diasporic Indians is not affected in America consequent upon various steps taken/statements made by American administration about diasporic Indians following the formation of new Government in America; and
- (d) whether due to increasing sense of insecurity in Indians in America, the rate of their return has increased?

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

(a) to (d) As per information available with the Government, 14 Indians have been killed in the U.S. during the last three years (2016-18).

There has been widespread condemnation of these incidents by the U.S. leadership, in the

Administration, the Congress and the State Governments. The prompt investigation/sentencing of the accused in cases like that of Srinivas Kuchibotla and Sherin Mathews in the U.S. reflects the success of our efforts with local authorities.

Safety and security of Indians abroad is top priority to the Government of India. The Government has taken this up with the U.S. Government at very high levels and conveyed our deep concerns. Our Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. maintain constant touch with the U.S. authorities and local Indian community groups to address any emergent issues pertinent to the welfare of Indian nationals in the U.S.

Our Mission/Posts in the U.S. extend all necessary assistance to the family members/ relatives / friends of the Indian nationals in cases of attacks, including by liaising with local authorities and facilitating transportation to India of the mortal remains of the victims.

There is no empirical data to suggest that there is any widespread sense of insecurity amongst Indians in America or increase of their rate of return due to sense of insecurity.



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