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QUESTION NO.1292 INDIANS IN CAPTIVITY IN MOSUL, IRAQ

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1292
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2017

INDIANS IN CAPTIVITY IN MOSUL, IRAQ

1292. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till now there are no traces of the Indians who were in captivity in Mosul, Iraq; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) Yes, it is a fact that till now there is no trace of the 39 Indians abducted in Iraq in June 2014.

The safety and security of Indian nationals abroad is a matter of foremost concern and major preoccupation for the Government which has been making every effort and taking all steps to trace the missing nationals since June 2014. In this connection, our Embassy in Baghdad and Consulate in Erbil (Iraq) are in regular contact with the local government authorities which have assured of their full cooperation.

Minister of State for External Affairs, General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.) visited Baghdad and Erbil from 11-15 July 2017 and Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs visited Erbil in June 2017 for this purpose.

The Government has been in regular touch with the countries in the region seeking their assistance and has also activated various channels for locating them.



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