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## **QUESTION NO.1300 INDIANS IN QATAR**

July 27, 2017

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1300 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2017

## **INDIANS IN QATAR**

1300. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Indians in Qatar have become unemployed due to recent crisis there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for their rehabilitation on coming back to the country?

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

(a) to (c) No. The Indian Embassy in Qatar has informed that Indians working in Qatar have not been affected due to recent crisis in Qatar. The Government of India has been closely following the emerging situation in the region and is in regular touch with the regional countries who have assured us of their continued support for the welfare and well-being of over eight million Indian expatriates. The Indian Embassies in the region already have 24X7 emergency help lines to respond to queries of our nationals. The Indian Mission in Doha has issued an advisory on 7 June, 2017 for the resident Indians.

Rehabilitation of returnees rests mainly with the State Governments. The Ministry of External Affairs has advised the State Governments that the existing State/ Central Sector Schemes be used for rehabilitation. Presently, the Ministry does not have any scheme for providing assistance to State Governments for

rehabilitation of returnees from abroad.

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