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QUESTION NO.490 INDIANS WORKING IN QATAR

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2017

INDIANS WORKING IN QATAR

490. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Indians are working/ staying in Qatar;
- (b) what would be the fate of these Indians with Qatar being cut off from major Middle East countries;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to bring them back; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and what steps Ministry has taken to protect them till they return home?

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

(a) to (d) About 6,30,000 Indian expatriates are working/staying in Qatar. As per our Embassy in Qatar, there has been no adverse effect on Indians living in Qatar in the wake of some Middle East countries severing diplomatic ties with Qatar. There was no need to evacuate any Indian national as the situation in Qatar was normal. However, to meet the additional demand for travel due to Eid and school holiday period in June 2017, additional commercial flights were operated by Indian carriers from Doha to some cities in India in the light of decision by some Gulf carriers to stop flight operations to and fro Doha. The Government has been closely following the emerging situation in the region. We are 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.



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