

Regarding Need to impress upon Russian Government for safe and smooth repatriation of missing Indian students who travelled to Russia for educational purpose-Laid

SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA (ROHTAK): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the distressing situation of several Indian youths who are currently trapped in Russia after being deceived or coerced into joining the Russian army. Many of these young Indians had travelled to Russia on student visas, but upon arrival were misled by agents and pushed into the RussiaUkraine war zone. Reports from families indicate that some of them are missing, while others have been unable to contact their families for several months, causing deep anxiety and mental agony to parents and relatives back home. This matter raises serious concerns regarding the safety of Indian citizens abroad and requires immediate diplomatic intervention. Families of the affected youths have repeatedly approached authorities at both state and central levels, yet no concrete progress is visible on the ground. In some cases, students have been taken hostage or forced into combat situations, and reports of fatalities have also surfaced. I urge the Government to treat this as a high-priority issue, engage with the Russian Government at the highest diplomatic level, ensure the safe and swift repatriation of all affected Indians, trace those reported missing, and establish safeguards to prevent such incidents in future.