

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1405
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
AIR CRASH IN SUDAN
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some Indians were also among the persons killed in an air crash in Sudan in July, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names and other details of the Indians killed or injured in this plane crash;
- (d) the cash and other compensation paid or to be paid to Indians by India, Sudan and the Airlines;
- (e) whether the Government have taken up this matter with Sudan and the concerned Airlines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes,

(b) & (c) The following three Indian nationals, who were on a short-term contract with a Sudanese commercial company, died in an air crash of Sudan Air flight on July 8:

1. Shri Patel Pravinbhai Lalubhai
2. Shri Patel Sanjay Kumar Laxmanbhai
3. Shri Rana Jaykumar Nandlal

(d), (e) & (f) Their bereaved families have been informed by the Embassy of India, Khartoum as well as their employer. The Embassy has taken up the case for compensation with both the Government of Sudan and Sudan Airways, and it is understood that the latter is processing the case. Their employer has also been asked to pursue this matter.