

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5789  
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2005  
INDIANS KILLED IN BOMB BLASTS IN LEBANON  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a few Indians have died in the bomb blasts which took place in Lebanon recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government is holding talks with the Government of Lebanon regarding bringing the remains of those people to India;
- (d) if so, the time by when the remains of these Indians will be brought to India;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to request for compensation to be paid to the next of kin of those deceased Indians from the Lebanese Government; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the details of number of Indians who died?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Three Indian nationals, viz. S/Shri Narender Singh S/o Shangara Singh, Surjit Singh S/o Tarsem Singh and Sukhwinder Singh S/o Mela Singh were killed in a bomb blast in Jounieh on the outskirts of Beirut on 23.03.2005.
- (c)&(d) After performing the last rites in Beirut on 09.04.2005, the remains of the three Indians have been sent to India on 20.04.2005 in coordination with the families of the deceased.
- (e)&(f) Mission has taken up the issue of compensation with the Lebanese authorities. However, it is understood that there is no provision for such compensation by the local Government. All the three Indians killed belonged to the state of Punjab.