

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is in constant touch with Indian Embassies and UN agencies in Ebola affected countries regarding the safety of its people in those countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian citizens in such countries has been affected by Ebola virus; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken by the Indian Embassies in providing necessary assistance to these affected persons?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The Indian Missions covering Ebola affected countries have been directed to remain in regular contact with the Indian community as well as with concerned government and UN agencies to ensure the safety and well being of Indian nationals. In addition, Indian Missions have been issuing regular advisories and facilitating travel of those who had wanted to return to India.

(c) & (d) As per reports available with the Government, there has been only one Indian casualty so far. Mr. Mohammed Amir, who was employed with a pharmacy in Liberia, died of Ebola virus infection, on September 7, 2014. His family was informed of this unfortunate incident. As per WHO norms, the body of the deceased was buried locally. Our Missions are facilitating access of Indian nationals to proper treatment facilities, as and when required.