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Title: Issue regarding abduction of Indian nationals in Gulf countries.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me the opportunity. Last week, on 29 July 2015, four Indian Professors, who were working in the University of Sirte in Libya, have been kidnapped by a terror outfit that is linked to the ISIS and with best efforts from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and also the University officials over there, two of them have returned back to India. But two people, namely, Mr. Gopalakrishnan, who hails from my own Constituency, and also Mr. Balram who is from Karimnagar, Telengana are still held captive.

I would request the Government of India, specifically, the MEA to take this at utmost priority because I have been in constant touch with the father of Mr. Gopalakrisnan, Mr. Narayan Rao, and I can only say that they are very very worried. In addition, what adds to their worries is that last year 39 people who were kidnapped by a similar outfit in Iraq, their whereabouts are still not known. So, a similar situation should not arise for these two Indian nationals, and they should be brought back.

I would also like to give a suggestion. This kind of thing has been happening in the Middle-East and also in the Gulf countries a lot this time. So, I would like to request the MEA if they can give advisory notices beforehand that these are the kind of consequences, which will be there. It is because a lot of people from very poor economic background go to these countries to work. They are all labourers and they do not know anything. They do not understand the procedures and other things. They just go there because of the money they get.

So, the External Affairs Ministry should take this issue very seriously and should advise all the people travelling to these countries where there is civil unrest about the kind of consequences they would face there.

HON. SPEAKER:

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