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Title:Need to take steps for release of Indian Kidnapped in Libya.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): I thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak in Zero Hour. I would like to raise an issue which I had already raised in the previous Session and I am compelled to do it because it is a very serious and sensitive issue. It has been unresolved till now.

The issue that I want to raise is about the four persons who were kidnapped in the country of Libya on the 29th of July of this year. Out of the four Indians, two of them are from Karnataka and two of them are from Andhra Pradesh. Within two weeks' of time, two of them from Karnataka were released as they were identified to be in the teaching profession. Though the people from Andhra Pradesh were also in the teaching profession, yet they are not released till now. One of them is from my constituency. His name is Shri Gopalakrishnan and the other one is from Shri Malla Reddy's constituency. Those two are still kept captive with the ISIS. We have got the family members and we have met the Prime Minister, the Home Minister and the External Affairs Minister. They have all assured complete assistance from the Central Government. But it has been five months and there has been no communication from their side. We have been talking to the parents of those families. It is very hard to express the pain and sorrow that they are going through. Our only request to the External Affairs Ministry and the Central Government is to let us know whether they are alive or not so that we can give the news. Otherwise, it is very difficult for these families. I would request the Central Government to take this at utmost priority.