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Title: Need to take steps to ensure the safety of Indian nurses working abroad.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam Speaker, I would like to invite the attention of the Government, through you, to a shocking incident which happened on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016. In a shocking incident on 21<sup>st</sup> April, a Nurse from Kerala, Chikku Robert, hailing from Angamali in Ernakulam District of Kerala was found murdered in Salalah Oman. Chikku Robert, a Staff Nurse with Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals, Salalah, had been working in the institution for the past three years. The incident came to light after Chikku did not report for her night duty. Sources said that Chikku was three months pregnant and planning to come to her native place after two months. It is also reported that a Pakistani national has been put under detention and is being investigated in the case. Till now her body has not been brought to her home town. Her mortal remains are in a mortuary in the custody of Royal Oman Police. I would request the Government to intervene in this matter immediately and take all necessary steps to expedite the transfer of the mortal remains of Chikku Robert to her home town.

Further, I would also like bring to the attention of the Government that thousands of nurses are working abroad, especially from Kerala. The security of these nurses is in danger. Therefore, I would request the Government to take necessary steps to ensure the safety of Indian nurses who are working in many countries of the world.

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