

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.475
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

INDIAN DEAD IN GULF COUNTRIES

475. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of deaths of Indian people in Gulf and East Asian Countries during COVID-19 pandemic, country-wise and State wise;
- (b) whether all bodies have been brought to India and handed over to their family members; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) to (c) Government of India attaches high importance to bringing back mortal remains of Indian nationals who die abroad. As per the information available with the Ministry, during Covid-19 pandemic, from 1 February to 15 August 2020, 5286 cases of deaths of Indian nationals were reported in the Gulf and East Asian countries. The country-wise list of these cases is attached at Annex I. The Ministry has facilitated transportation of 1807 mortal remains from Gulf and East Asian countries during this period, despite the difficulties faced due to disruptions in international air travel caused by Covid-19 pandemic. In some cases, the last rites of the deceased have been performed locally as per the wishes of their family members. Our Missions and Posts abroad are constantly following up the cases of Mortal Remains transfer with local authorities and are extending all possible assistance for their early repatriation.

Annexure- I to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 475

S.No	Country	Death of Indians in Foreign Countries (01.02.2020 to 15.08.2020)	Number of cases of transportation of mortal remains(01.02.2020 to 15.08.2020)
1	Bahrain	176	64
2	China	20	6
3	Iran	2	1
4	Japan	14	7

5	Korea (DPR)	0	0
6	Korea (Republic of)	5	0
7	Kuwait	694	356
8	Mongolia	0	0
9	Oman	336	163
10	Qatar	238	148
11	Saudi Arabia	2360	357
12	United Arab Emirates	1441	705
	Total	5286	1807
