

(c) the number of Indians killed in Afghanistan during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details of compensation paid by Government to the families of the victims; and

(e) the steps Union Government proposes to take to provide safety and security to Indians in Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes.

(b) President Karzai promised a full investigation into the attack and that the Government of Afghanistan would do all it could to ensure the security of all Indian nationals working in Afghanistan and helping the Afghan people.

(c) The number of Indians killed in Afghanistan since 2007, year wise is as follows:

2007	2008	2009	2010
NIL	9	1	7

(d) Government has taken necessary steps to ensure adequate financial and other assistance to support the families of Indians killed in Afghanistan on Government duty or Government related work. These include including *ex-gratia* compensation, insurance payments, liberalized pensionary benefits and other admissible benefits.

(e) Government of India has comprehensively reviewed and enhanced security measures being taken for the safety of our personnel and other Indians working in Afghanistan. It is also in regular touch with the Government of Afghanistan, which has assured all necessary steps for the security of Indians in that country. Indian nationals registered with the Embassy are being regularly advised about the prevailing security scenario in the country through security advisories. These advisories outline the precautions that need to be taken for their own safety and security.

#### Exchange of enclaves

2188. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian enclaves that are in Bangladesh and *vice-versa*;

(b) whether Governments of both the countries had agreed to exchange the enclaves; and

(c) the current status of the agreement and the steps that are being taken to complete the process?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) As per agreed list, there are 111 Indian enclaves in Bangladesh and 51 Bangladesh enclaves in India.

(b) and (c) The 1974 Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) between India and Bangladesh states that the enclaves should be exchanged between the two sides. To address the land boundary issue including the exchange of enclaves, the two sides have set up a Joint Boundary Working Group in 2001 which was held three meeting so far. During the visit PM Sheikh Hasina to India in January 2010, both sides agreed to address outstanding land boundary issues including the issue of exchange of enclaves. Both sides also agreed to convene the next meeting of the Joint Boundary Working Group.

#### **Minister's visit to Iran**

†2189. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that he has called off his forthcoming visit to Iran;
- (b) if so, the reason therefor; and
- (c) whether Government of Iran has not shown any interest with regard to this visit?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) to (c) I had received an invitation from the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran to attend a celebration to be organized in Tehran and Shiraz on the occasion of the celebration of the Nowruz Festival, Dignitaries from other countries were also invited for the celebration. The Iranian side subsequently changed the dates for the celebration twice. After the first change of dates, I had conveyed to the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran that I would be delighted to join in the Nowruz celebration. Unfortunately my prior commitments precluded my attending the event when the dates were changed a second time.

#### **Indian medical mission in Kabul**

2190. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian medical mission in Kabul has stopped operation;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is persuading Indian mission to resume its operations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) The Indian Medical Mission in Kabul was temporarily suspended due to loss of personnel to death and injury in the barbaric terrorist attack in Kabul on February 26, 2010.

(c) and (d) The Indian Medical Mission in Kabul will resume operations as soon as the medical team is reconstituted and necessary arrangements are made.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.