

रह रहे हैं, उनकी वापसी के लिए भारत यूएनओ में फिलिस्तीनियों के पक्ष में पैरवी करेगा। धन्यवाद।

श्री प्रमोद तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं इनके उल्लेख का समर्थन करता हूँ।

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI P. RAJEEVE (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Almost the entire House associates. Now, Shri K.N. Balagopal.

Bringing back Indians Trapped in Iraq

SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL (Kerala): Sir, I wish to raise a very serious issue here. It is about the very serious situation prevailing in Iraq.

Sir, I think this should have been discussed in this House earlier after a statement by the Minister. A discussion is actually needed in this House. Hence, I would first request the Government to initiate a discussion on the Iraq issue. An immediate intervention by the Government is needed. Now, Iraq is divided into three parts and ISIS is controlling a major part of the region. There are terrorist attacks taking place over there. And India is concerned socially, politically, economically and there are various aspects to it. But the immediate concern is the plight of the Indians there.

Sir, I wish to congratulate the Government for taking the initiative and bringing back home some of the Indians, especially some nurses working in Mosul. There are Indians who have been brought back, but they are only few in number considering the total number of Indians working there. India sent a Boeing 777 Airbus and brought them back from the Erbil Airport, not Mosul. So, transporting is a problem. Forty-six nurses from Kerala came back on the first flight. A lot of people are still trapped there. There are a lot of people working in the health sector there, mainly nurses. Also, there are office workers who are working in different enterprises. Mainly, they are Indian labourers working there. They went to Iraq through some other channels too; some Indian labourers had gone to Iraq from neighbouring countries. The unfortunate part is that we don't have the records. We don't know the actual position. The Government may make a statement, but I fear that India does

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not have the data as to how many Indians are actually working in various parts of Iraq. The Government of India needs to make an urgent intervention, just as it did during the time of the Kuwait war when dozens of aircraft were sent to Kuwait and neighbouring countries to bring back Indians trapped there. At the time of the earlier UPA Government too there were a couple of incidents such as the Libyan crisis. Internationally, such crises do take place. So, from Kuwait we brought our people back home through ships and aircraft.

Sir, the Government has done something on this issue, but we need a more serious discussion on this and an immediate intervention to bring back Indians from Iraq.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Achuthan to associate.

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Sir, the situation in Iraq is getting worse with each passing day. Many countries like the United States and Germany are able to evacuate their citizens well before the situation gets out of control. Now, it is estimated that 10,000 Indians are working in Iraq at present. But there is no accurate data with the Government as many of the workers have been shifting to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and UAE. So, the Government must coordinate with all the Arab countries on this issue. Moreover, the Government must come forward with a rehabilitation package. We need to rehabilitate people coming back from Iraq. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR (Himachal Pradesh): Sir, there are many Himachalis too. I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. T.N. SEEMA (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI AVTAR SINGH KARIMPURI (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You must just associate. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI P. RAJEEVE (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Sir, every time we get telephone calls from people working in Iraq. Yesterday I got a call from a person working in Kurdistan. He told me that the sponsors are not ready to give back their passports to them and not allowing them to fly back to India. This is a very serious situation. I request the hon. Minister that the Government should come with a detailed statement as to what steps have been taken by the Government for the evacuation of Indians who are working in Iraq.

श्री अविनाश राय खन्ना (पंजाब) : सर, बालगोपाल जी ने एक बहुत गंभीर विषय उठाया है, मेरा जिला भी उससे पूरी तरह प्रभावित है। वहां पर कम-से-कम पांच-छः हजार लोगों ने मुझसे संपर्क किया है। मैं सदन को बताना चाहता हूँ और बाकी देशवासियों को बताना चाहता हूँ कि हमारी सरकार ने इसके लिए दो जगह कंट्रोल रूम स्थापित किए हैं और उनकी बहुत अच्छी वर्किंग है। पासपोर्ट की जो दिक्कत है, वह काफी बच्चों को आ रही है, लेकिन मैं सभी सदस्यों से आग्रह करूंगा अपनी कांस्टीट्यूएन्सी में वह फोन नंबर प्लेश कीजिए, ताकि संबंधित व्यक्ति उस फोन नंबर पर संपर्क करे और उसके बाद कंट्रोल रूम वहां उससे संपर्क करके, उसको लोकेट करने का काम करे।

सर, हमारे यहां जितने भी प्रभावित लोग हैं, हमारी पंजाब सरकार के अफसर उनके घर जाते हैं और उनकी जो मेडिकल एड और financial aid वगैरह है, वह उनको मुहैया करायी जाती है।

श्रीमती विप्लव ठाकुर (हिमाचल प्रदेश) : सर, यह बहुत ही गंभीर मामला है और हिमाचल के लोग भी लेबर के रूप में वहां जाते हैं। ये लोग एजेंसी के थू जाते हैं, वे लोग उनको betray कर रहे हैं, उनके पासपोर्ट नहीं दे रहे हैं। उनके पास वापस आने के लिए किराया तक नहीं है। भारत सरकार इसमें इंटरवीन करे। हमारी एम्बेसी को फोन किया जाता है, तो एम्बेसी कहती है कि क्या आप हमसे पूछ कर गए थे? ये जो बातें हैं, इन पर सरकार को ध्यान देना चाहिए और उन लोगों को वापस लाने का काम करना चाहिए।

श्री शरद यादव (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदय, इस समय सदन में scattered तरीके से अलग-अलग सदस्य खबरें दे रहे हैं, सूचनाएं दे रहे हैं और यह बहुत गंभीर एवं उलझा हुआ मामला है। कितने लोग वहां हैं, उनमें से कितने यहां आ गए हैं और वहां क्या हालत है, इस संबंध में विदेश मंत्री को एक डिटेल्ड बयान देना चाहिए। हर जिले से लोग बोल रहे हैं, इसलिए मैं आपसे विनती करना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार को इस संबंध में डिटेल्ड बयान के साथ आना चाहिए और मेरी आपसे यह भी विनती है कि अगर आप इस बहस करा सकें, तो यह एक बड़ा काम होगा।

श्री उपसभापति : ठीक है, मैं इसको देखूंगा।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Sir, this matter is not coming for the first time in the House, especially what is happening in this war-torn area. The serious problem is that there a large number of nurses. Of course, some of them have been repatriated. But, at the same time, thousands of workers are still remaining there. The agony of families is reflecting in

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the State of Kerala. Being Members of Parliament, we are also facing this pressure. I think it is necessary that instead of waiting for further report from the Embassy, the Government should move very fast. That is my request. The Government should move very fast and see to it that any number of persons who want to come can come back. That is the only solution to save the people from the agony which has been created by the situation. I hope the Government will rise to the occasion and do its best to make the people of this country satisfied. If it is done, families will feel that the Government has saved their relatives.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Hon. Deputy Chairman, Sir, UPA assured to evolve a full-fledged Ministry for the welfare of non-resident Indians, particularly in Gulf and other dependent nations, wherein in the name of the organic ministries, the latest Government has led into this type of situation that there is no foolproof mechanism to look after the needs of the war-torn residents of India. At this juncture, the facility, namely, e-visa is going to come. Keeping this crisis in view, why not we try to evolve e-passport to ensure redressal of this type of problem? I would like to know from the Government.

SHRI P. RAJEEVE: We want a statement from the Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is up to the Government to decide. ...*(Interruptions)*... Listen to me. ...*(Interruptions)*... It is not that the Government has not done anything. ...*(Interruptions)*... Government has done a lot of work, especially in the case of nurses. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let me say. ...*(Interruptions)*... Everybody knows it. ...*(Interruptions)*... Some good work has already been done by the Government. But, the Government may be thinking to do something more. The House wants to know more details. More good work can be done. Would you like to react?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिक मंत्री (श्री थावर चन्द गहलोत) : उपसभापति महोदय, जैसा आपने बताया, मैं आपकी भावना से सहमत होते हुए सदन से यह कहना चाहूंगा कि मैं माननीय विदेश मंत्री जी को इस संबंध में जानकारी देकर उनको सदन की भावना से अवगत करा दूंगा।

श्री उपसभापति : ठीक है।

Pune blast on 10th July, 2014 and security concern

श्री संजय राउत (महाराष्ट्र) : सर, मैं इस सदन का ध्यान महाराष्ट्र में हुई एक गम्भीर घटक की तरफ आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। सर, जब से देश में मोदी जी की सरकार आई है, पूरे देश में लॉ एंड ऑर्डर की सिचुएशन पूरी तरह से ठीक है और इस देश के आतंकवादी संगठन भी डर गए हैं। लेकिन, कल महाराष्ट्र के पुणे शहर में दिन-दहाड़े एक बम विस्फोट हुआ। इस धमाके से सिर्फ पुणे शहर में ही नहीं, बल्कि पूरे महाराष्ट्र में चिन्ता और दहशत का माहौल बन गया है। गम्भीर बात यह है कि जो यह बम विस्फोट हुआ है, यह पुणे के फारसखाना पुलिस स्टेशन के कम्पाउंड में हुआ है, जिसमें दो पुलिसकर्मी और चार नागरिक घायल हुए हैं। इस विस्फोट की