

expressed support for India's candidature to a permanent seat in an expanded UN Security Council.

Opposition to uniform migration policy at BRICS

494. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to oppose uniform migration policy at Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) meet in Sochi, Russia, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to push for a liberalized visas regime for 'skilled workers' among BRICS nations to promote business and economic interests; and

(c) if so, the response received by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) The issue of uniform migration policy was not on the agenda of the meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Migration Meeting at Ministerial level in Sochi, Russia on 8 October 2015.

(b) No specific proposal for a liberalized visa regime for skilled workers amongst BRICS nations is currently under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Bringing back of dead bodies of Indians died abroad

495. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons who went abroad for earnings are killed/died due to extreme weather conditions/stressful working conditions, if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to bring back their dead bodies from abroad to our country on time; and

(c) whether any compensation provided to their family members in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) Country-wise data regarding number of Indian nationals who died abroad during January 2013 to November 2015 due to extreme weather conditions/stressful working conditions as obtained from Indian Missions abroad is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) Requests for transportation of bodies of Indian nationals who died abroad are