

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1051
ANSWERED ON- 13/02/2025

DEATH SENTENCE TO INDIANS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1051. SHRI HARIS BEERAN

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- a) the number of Indian citizens who have been awarded with death sentences by the foreign courts;
- b) whether Government takes any pro-active measures to save the lives of such citizens;
- c) if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether Government is taking any measures to save the life of Nimisha Priya who has been sentenced to death by Yemen court where there is political instability, if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the total number of Indians on death row in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) As per information available with this Ministry, the number of Indian citizens who have been awarded death sentences by foreign courts is 54.

(b & c) Indian Missions/Posts abroad provide all possible assistance to Indian citizens who have been sentenced, including with death sentences by foreign courts. Indian Missions/Posts provide consular access by visiting the jails and follows up their cases with Courts, Jails, Public Prosecutors and other concerned agencies of respective foreign countries. The jailed Indian nationals are also assisted in exploring various legal remedies including filing of appeal, mercy petition etc.

(d) The Government of India accords high priority to welfare of Indians abroad and provides all possible support to those who fall in distress, including in the instant case of Ms. Nimisha Priya. Government is providing all possible assistance in the case.

(e) As per information available with this Ministry, the number of Indians on death row in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates is as placed below:

Country	Number of Indians on death row
Bahrain	0
Iraq	0
Kuwait	3
Oman	0
Qatar	1
Saudi Arabia	12
United Arab Emirates	29
