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To

The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi – 110011, Email ID: psfs@mea.gov.in

Subject: Representation seeking enquiry into the deportation of Indian citizen Mr. Suraj Lama from Kuwait without due coordination or intimation to family members, and formulation of guidelines regarding the deportation of Indian Citizens.

The Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to the welfare of migrants, securing justice for victims, and advocating for policy changes that impact migrants globally. This representation is being submitted to highlight a serious gap in the existing laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing the deportation of Indian citizens from foreign countries. The recent case of Mr. Suraj Lama, who suffers from memory loss and was deported to Kochi, Kerala instead of his hometown Bangalore, Karnataka, underscores the urgent need for attention from the Ministry of External Affairs. The facts and circumstances of this incident as available in the public domain, as detailed below, call for immediate review and remedial measures.

Respected Sir,

1. The Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) respectfully submits this representation regarding a deeply distressing incident involving the deportation of an Indian national from Kuwait under irregular circumstances.
2. Mr. Suraj Lama, a permanent resident of Bangalore, Karnataka, had been working in Kuwait for the past 25 years. It is submitted that last month he suffered a brain haemorrhage leading to severe memory loss, and was undergoing medical treatment under the full care of a hospital in Kuwait.
3. Despite his critical medical condition, the Kuwait authorities deported Mr. Lama to India. However, instead of sending him to his hometown, Bangalore, he was deported to Kochi, Kerala, where he landed on 5th October 2025.
4. It is most unfortunate that the family members of Mr. Lama were not informed about this deportation by the Kuwait Government or the Indian Embassy, prior to his arrival in India. This lack of communication and coordination has resulted in a grave situation where Mr. Lama, who has lost his memory, has gone missing upon arrival.



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5. His son, Mr. Sandan Lama, has been in continuous search of his father since his deportation, but so far there has been no information about his whereabouts. The family is in deep distress, and the situation reflects serious procedural lapses on the part of both the Kuwait authorities and the concerned agencies handling the repatriation.
6. The incident highlights the absence of clear and uniform guidelines to be followed by Indian Embassies and Missions abroad while dealing with deportation of Indian nationals, particularly those who are medically unfit, mentally incapacitated, or otherwise vulnerable.
7. In view of the foregoing facts, the Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) respectfully requests the Ministry of External Affairs to kindly consider initiating a thorough enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deportation of Mr. Suraj Lama. This unfortunate incident has caused significant distress to Mr. Lama's family, and a careful review of the situation would help understand how such a situation arose. We believe that conducting an enquiry in this matter will not only assist in locating and safeguarding Mr. Lama but also provide valuable insights to strengthen existing procedures for the repatriation of Indian citizens abroad, particularly those in vulnerable conditions.
8. PLC further requests the Ministry to formulate and issue standard operating guidelines to all Indian Missions and Embassies abroad to ensure that future deportations of Indian nationals, particularly those under medical distress or mental incapacity, are carried out only after due intimation to their family members, proper medical assessment and travel arrangements, and coordination with the respective State authorities for their safe reception and necessary assistance upon arrival in India. PLC firmly believes that such procedural safeguards are essential to prevent recurrence of such unfortunate incidents and to ensure that the dignity, safety, and welfare of Indian citizens abroad are duly protected.
9. In view of the foregoing, we respectfully request your kind intervention and early action in this matter to ensure that a proper enquiry is conducted regarding the aforesaid incident, and to prevent similar situations in the future through the implementation of appropriate measures and guidelines.

Thanking you,

Yours truly

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