

**Government of India  
National Commission for Minorities**

**31.12.2024**

**PRESS NOTE**

The National Commission for Minorities took Suo-moto cognizance of the incidence of the unfortunate demise of eleven Indian Nationals from the minority community who were working in the restaurant business in Gudauri, Georgia. The Matter was taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs on 20.12.2024 for facilitating the return of bodies to their families in India as most of them were from poor background.

In response, the Ministry of External Affairs vide their letter no. 18143/FS/2024 dated 31.12.2024 has informed that the mortal remains of all the Indian Nationals have been sent back to their families through its intervention. The Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) was utilized for the repatriation of mortal remains by Government of India.

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