

therein the electrification of the monument is not permissible unless it is required for the maintenance and preservation of the monument.

### STATEMENT

*List showing the protected Mosques State-wise*

State	Number
Andhra Pradesh	2
Assam	1
Arunachal Pradesh	-
Bihar	2
Delhi	24
Goa Daman and Diu	1
Gujarat	46
Haryana	5
Himachal Pradesh	-
Jammu & Kashmir	4
Kerala	-
Karnataka	8
Madhya Pradesh	21
Maharashtra	8
Manipur	-
Meghalaya	-
Nagaland	-
Orissa	-
Pondicherry	-
Punjab	3
Rajasthan	4
Tamil Nadu	5
Tripura	-
Uttar Pradesh	44
West Bengal	17
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### Visit of Foreign Diplomats and Parliamentarians to Jammu and Kashmir

3751. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA:  
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:  
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of heads of missions, diplomat, parliamentarians including US senators who had visited Jammu and Kashmir during 1996;

(b) the officials, personalities and political parties/groups met by each of them during their visit;

(c) whether it is a common practice for the foreign dignitaries to hold parleys with political parties during their visits;

(d) the outcome of each of their visit to Jammu and Kashmir;

(e) whether they submit their reports to their respective countries;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government had granted permission to their visits; and

(h) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor, visit-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Government of India place no restriction on travel of diplomats, including Heads of Missions, and Parliamentarians, to any part of India, including Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). Therefore the names of envoys and parliamentarians, including US senators who visited J&K during 1996 as enumerated in the annexure are by no means a comprehensive list of such visitors to J&K but lists only those persons who had sought specific assistance from this Ministry for visiting J&K.

(b) It is not possible to provide a comprehensive list of officials, personalities and political parties/groups met by the visiting envoys/parliamentarians during their visit to J&K, for reasons stated above. Ambassadors and Parliamentarians normally seek calls on the Governor, important political personalities and political parties and senior State Government officials. Details about meetings of the US Envoys, Senator and others are provided in the enclosed statement.

Also, in connection with the kidnapped foreign tourists Germany, UK and USA Embassies in Delhi maintain a constant rota of junior diplomats in Srinagar to liaise with the State authorities. No specific information is available about such meetings.

(c) and (d) It is normal for diplomatic envoys to exchange views with political parties during their visits.

(e) and (f) Diplomatic envoys report to their respective

governments as part of their normal diplomatic activity, internal political developments in the country of their accreditation. Such reports are customarily confidential in nature.

(g) and (h). Since Government of India places no restriction on visits by Heads of Missions, Diplomats and Parliamentarians visiting any part of India except restricted areas, the question of granting permission for their visits does not arise.

#### STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Names of Diplomats/ Parliamentarians	Date of Visit	Meetings with
1.	Mr. Gary Ackerman, US Congressman	12-14 Jan., '96	Governor of J&K, Leaders of All-Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC)
2.	Mr. Bill Richardson, Congressman with Political Counsellor of US Embassy, Alan Eastham	21-22 Feb., '96	Governor of J&K and the Indian Army Authorities, and leaders of Hurriyat Conference on Hostages issue.
3.	Mr. Okinobu Harai, First Secretary, Japanese Embassy	21-24 May, '96	Not available.
4.	Mr. Yoshifumi Okamura, Counsellor, Japanese Embassy	29-31 May, '96	Not available.
5.	H.E. Mr. Drago Stambuk Ambassador of Croatia	June '96	Representatives and officials of State Government and All India Hurriyat Conference.
6.	Mr. Mohammad Hossein Khosh Amadi, Counsellor Iranian Embassy	9-12 June, '96	Participated in a function Organised by Nehzate Inquilabe Islami Kashmir to commemorate the 7th death anniversary of Imam Khomeini.
7.	Mr. Abol Fazal Zareej, Second Secretary, Iranian Embassy	9-12 June, '95	Participated in a function organised by Nehzate Inquilabe Islami Kashmir to commemorate the 7th death anniversary of Imam Khomeini.
8.	H.E. Mr. Frank Wisner, US Ambassador	29 July -3 Aug., '96	1. G.O.C.-in-charge, Northern Command. 2. Shri Shabir Shah 3. Shri Iftikar Ansari including Dr. Farooq Abdullah. 4. Forum for Permanent Resolutions of the Kashmir Problem.
9.	Senator Hank Brown of United States of America	5-6 Aug., '96	Governor, J&K, Leaders of All Party Hurriyat Conference and Babar Dadar Forum and also Lt. Gen. (Retd.) D.D. Saklani.