

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2472  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000  
AFGHAN REFUGEES  
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

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

- (a) whether United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has criticised the Government on the issue of Afghan refugees as reported in `The Times of India` dated November 4, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the Government have cleared their stand in the matter; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): A report was carried in the Times of India of 4 November 2000. However, the allegations in this report are not based on facts. Government does not consider it necessary to take up the matter with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.