

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3652  
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DRESS CODE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SAUDI ARABIA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Managing Committee of the International Indian School based at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia has prescribed some dress for children of that school;
- (b) if so, whether this dress is of Islamic type;
- (c) if so, whether Indian Government have registered any protest with the Saudi Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The school uniform for girls includes a head scarf; however, its use is voluntary in nature and not obligatory.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) There have not been any instructions from the Saudi Government regarding any dress code for the children of the International Indian School, Jeddah