

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2277  
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SAFETY OF INDIAN TOURISTS ABROAD  
M. JAGANNATH

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

- (a) whether a tourist bus from India was set ablaze in Nepal;
- (b) if so, the number of human lives lost;
- (c) whether this matter was taken up with the concerned authorities of Nepal;
- (d) if so, the response of Nepal Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure the safety of Indian tourists abroad?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No human lives were lost in the incident; the passengers were asked to get down from the bus, before the bus was set on fire.
- (c) & (d) The matter was taken up with the police authorities of Nepal, who have registered a case.
- (e) The matter is immediately taken up with local authorities to ensure the safety and welfare of Indian nationals visiting foreign countries. Further, necessary follow up action is also taken in this regard.