

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEMOLITION OF HINDU TEMPLE IN LAHORE

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

- (a) whether the Lord Krishna temple in Lahore has been demolished;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has raised this issue with Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reaction of Pakistan thereto; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Union Government to ensure that no damage is caused to various religious places abroad?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) It has been reported in the Pakistani media that a Hindu temple, Krishna Mandir, in Lahore was allowed to be demolished.
- (b) – (c) The matter was taken up with the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi.
- (d) In a Press Release on 15 June 2006, Pakistan Foreign Ministry claimed that "the media reports claiming that Krishna Mandir in Lahore has been demolished are baseless. The only Krishna Mandir that exists in Lahore is safe and the temple referred to in the section of press is not the Krishna Mandir" which is situated on Ravi Road, Lahore.
- (e) In pursuit of international and bilateral cooperation, India continues to strive, together with other countries, to ensure that no damage is caused to religious places abroad.