

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4014  
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006  
PLIGHT OF MINORITIES IN BANGLADESH  
Pradhan Shri Dharmendra

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

- (a) Whether the Union Government has taken note of the day to day killings, extortion, rape, arson, forceful eviction from properties of the religious minorities especially the Hindus in Bangladesh;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of minorities in Bangladesh?

**Answer**

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

a), b) and c) : Government is aware of reports including those appearing in the Bangladeshi media on attacks on properties and places of worship of the minority community in Bangladesh. The Government has shared its concern in this regard with the Government of Bangladesh.