

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1273
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2004
BAN ON ENTRY OF AFGHAN SIKHS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from Afghan Sikhs for overland travel to India as reported in the Pioneer dated October 25, 2004;
- (b) if so, whether a ban has been imposed by the Government on their entry; and
- (c) if so, the response of the Government on their request?

Answer

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

(a)-(c) No requests from Afghan Sikhs as a group to travel to India overland through Pakistan have been received by our Embassy in Kabul. There are restrictions on travel of individuals through the land route.