

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:546

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SECURITY REVIEW OF INDIAN MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the security of Indian mission and Indian nationals working in Afghanistan in the aftermath of suicide car bombing near Indian Embassy in Kabul Last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up this matter with the Government of Afghanistan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government of Afghanistan thereto;
- (e) whether the security concerns of the Indian missions in Dhaka and Colombo have also been raised with the respective countries; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of these countries thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

- (a) Security of Indian missions and posts in Afghanistan has been reviewed and strengthened by appropriate measures since the July 7, 2008 bombing of our Embassy in Kabul.
- (b) to (d) The review of security of Indian Missions abroad is a continuing process. The Mission in Kabul has regularly issued advisories relating to the security environment and precautions to be observed to Indian nationals in Afghanistan and works with the local authorities to ensure their security. Necessary security review and augmentation has been conducted in consultation with the host Government who have been very supportive and cooperative and conscious of their responsibilities.
- (e) & (f) As in Afghanistan, security measures, norms and modalities appropriate to the security situation in that city are taken for our missions in Dhaka and Colombo, in consultation with local authorities.