

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO HAITI
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India's representative has visited quake devastated Haiti;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held with the Government of Haiti during such visit;
- (c) whether the Government of India has extended any assistance to Haiti after the earthquake;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Indian people in Haiti are safe including the staff at Indian Embassy/Consulate;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d) Yes. Minister of State for External Affairs Dr. Shashi Tharoor visited Haiti on 25th January 2010 and met President of Haiti Mr Rene Garcia Preval, Chief of the UN Operations, Members of the Indian community and 140 members of the Formed Police Unit (FPU) with the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH). Government of India has made a cash contribution of US\$ 5 million as a token of India's solidarity with the people of Haiti.

(e) to (f) Except for one Indian national working with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) who was killed in the earthquake, all members of the Indian Community are reported to be safe. There is no resident Indian Embassy/Consulate in Haiti; it is covered concurrently by our Mission in Havana.