

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1516
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2009
ATTACKS ON INDIANS
Ganpatrao Shri Jadhav Prataprao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the present status of mutual relations between India and Australia in view of the recent racial attacks on Indians living in Australia?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

The Australian Government has strongly condemned the recent racial attacks on Indian students and taken several steps aimed at ensuring the safety and security of Indians in Australia, both at federal and state level. As such, bilateral relations between India and Australia remain cordial and friendly, and continue to expand in diverse fields for mutual benefit.