

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAVEL ADVISORY BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foreign countries including US, UK, Australia and Canada have issued travel advisories for their citizens of high risk of terror attacks in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether Indian security agencies view new alert as retaliatory as per External Affairs Ministry and there is no need of such advisories to be issued to the citizens of these countries;
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has assured all the nations that India is absolutely safe country: and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Travel advisories have been issued by the Governments of Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, U.K. and USA, advising their citizens to exercise caution and remain vigilant while visiting certain parts of India.
- (c) & (d): Such travel advisories are issued by the concerned countries on the basis of threat perception to their nationals in India and are reviewed periodically and are withdrawn, based on such perception.
- (e) & (f): The Government of India constantly interacts with the Governments of other countries through diplomatic channels and bilateral contacts, to convey our views/perceptions. Indian diplomatic Missions also regularly disseminate information to decision makers in such countries, as also to the travelling public, to project the correct picture about the security situation obtaining in India.