## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:606 ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009 TRAVEL ADVISORY TO US CITIZENS Kalmadi Shri Suresh;Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

## Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of United States of America has clubbed India with 29 other countries as unsafe destination in its travel advisory to its citizens:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto;

(d) whether the Government of India has taken up the matter with US Government;

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government of India in this regard?

## Answer

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

(a)& (b) No. The Embassy of the United states of America in New Delhi issued a Warden Message, which is not a Travel Advisory, on 2 June 2009 to its citizens in India, reminding all U.S. citizens resident in or travelling to India that there is a high threat from terrorism throughout India and urging them to always practice good security.

(c) to (f) The issue of Warden Message of 2 June 2009 was taken up with the US Embassy. US Embassy clarified that the US Government have not in the recent memory ever discourage US citizens from travelling to India. They also stated that the US Government tasks its Missions the world over to issue Warden Messages to its citizens to ensure their safety and security.