

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4229  
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ATTACK ON HINDUS IN PAKISTAN  
Lal Shri Kirodi

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

- (a) whether the Hindus are being attacked by the Muslim extremists in Pakistan and their houses alongwith temples have been destroyed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Government has raised this issue with the Pakistan Government;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan thereto; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the safety of the Hindus in Pakistan?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Government has seen media reports on violence against citizens of Pakistan belonging to minority groups, including Hindus. Government has also seen media reports from time to time regarding land disputes involving Hindu places of worship and demolition in certain cases, in Pakistan.
- (c) to (e): It is the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to discharge its obligations towards its citizens. However, based on reports of persecution of minority groups in Pakistan, Government has taken up this matter with the Government of Pakistan. The Government of Pakistan stated that it was fully cognizant of the situation and looked after the welfare of all its citizens, particularly the minority community.