

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the ethnic violence in Kyrgyzstan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the present status of the situation?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes. Government is aware of the ethnic situation in the southern part of Kyrgyzstan and is keeping a close watch on it.

(b) On June 10, 2010, a wave of deadly violence erupted in the multi-ethnic city of Osh in southern Kyrgyzstan. Several thousand young persons confronted each other in the city with sticks, steel rods and guns. In the course of the next few days the violence spread to the adjoining areas of Kara-suu and Jalalabad. Among other factors, the tension increased on account of the traditional animosity in the region between two ethnic groups.

Our Embassy in Bishkek in coordination with local authorities safely evacuated 105 Indian nationals, mostly students, from the troubled cities of Osh and Jalalabad in the southern part of Kyrgyzsan, to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan where the situation was calm.

Responding to the appeal of the Kyrgyz government for assistance, the Government of India sent humanitarian assistance comprising food items, medicines and tents to Kyrgyzstan. Government of India issued a press release on the occasion, expressing concern at the civil disturbances and showing solidarity with the friendly people of the Kyrgyz Republic.

(c) After violent events in April 2010, which led to the ouster of President Kurmanbek Bakiev, an interim Government took over and successfully conducted a referendum in favour of constitutional reforms on June 27, 2010 and announced that parliamentary elections would be held in October 2010. The situation in Kyrgyzstan is calm at the moment and the Government of India continues to monitor events.