

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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HINDUS ABANDONING HOME IN KARACHI

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

- (a) whether near about 60 Hindus were recently forced to abandon their homes at Memon Goth in Karachi;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the safety and welfare of the Hindus living in Pakistan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Pakistan Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government has seen media reports that at least 60 members of the minority community, including women and children, were reportedly forced to abandon their houses in Karachi's Memon Goth area because a Hindu boy drank water from a cooler outside a mosque.

(c) & (d) 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 had separately taken up the 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.