

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIANS IN KYRGYSTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Indians are not safe in Kyrgystan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the Kyrgystan Government to ensure safety and security of Indians residing in that country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Kyrgystan Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Indian nationals in Kyrgyzstan are safe for the present since the security situation there remains calm. Some ethnic violence erupted in Kyrgyzstan in June 2010. Several thousand young persons confronted each other in the southern city of Osh with sticks, steel rods and guns. In the course of the next few days the violence spread to the adjoining areas of Kara-su and Jalal-Abad.
- (c): Our Embassy in Bishkek in coordination with local authorities safely evacuated 105 Indian nationals, mostly students, from the troubled cities of Osh and Jalal-Abad in the southern part of Kyrgyzstan, to Bishkek, the capital. There was no casualty or injury to any Indian during the rescue operation.
- (d): In keeping with our policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, no formal demarche was made on this situation to the Kyrgyz Government, since there was no casualty/injury to any Indian national. However, the entire evacuation operation was completed successfully with cooperation and coordination with the local authorities.