

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2368

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RACIAL E-MAIL

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any E-mail which is racial in nature and sent by some policemen of Victoria province of Australia;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any cognizance of the matter and taken any remedial steps to permanently eradicate the problem of racial comments and physical assault of Indians in Australia; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes. The Government is aware.

(b): The incident of racial e-mail circulated on Victorian Police e-mail system by certain members of the Police, which was in the press recently actually took place last year. The email showed video footage of the death of an Indian travelling on top of a train with a comment to the effect that this might be the way to deal with the Indian student problem. The Victorian Government has taken severe action against the officers who were responsible for that specific email, through disciplinary proceedings resulting in their dismissal from service.

(c): Yes.

(d): The Government of India as well as the High Commission and the Consulates of India in Australia have been taking up the incidents of assaults on members of Indian community including students with the Australian authorities, both at federal and state levels, resulting in several measures being put into place on the ground to improve safety and security of Indians in Australia. The High Commission and the Consulates of India in Australia keep constant touch with the Indian community in Australia to offer support, assistance and follow-up on all reported cases of attacks.