

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ATTACKS ON INDIAN STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of attacks on Indian students in Australia during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, province-wise;
- (c) the details of the attacks on Indians which were accepted by the Australian authorities to be racially motivated; and
- (d) the diplomatic action taken by the Indian Government to prevent the occurrence of such attacks on Indians and to ensure the safety and security of Indians living in Australia, particularly students?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)&(b): The number of cases reported, of attacks on Indian students and members of Indian community in Australia during the last three years, are as follows:

2008 2009 2010

11 46 46 (November 29, 2010)

(c): No such attacks on Indians have been accepted by the Australian authorities to be racially motivated.

(d): Government of India at the Ministerial level as well as through the High Commission and the Consulates has been taking up the incidents of assaults on members of Indian community including students, with the Australian authorities, 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 of India and Consulates in Australia have also been in constant touch with the Indian community to offer support and assistance and follow-up on all reported cases of attacks.