

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:406
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SCREENING OF TURBAN OF SIKHS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether US has warned that Sikhs would now face screening of their turban at American airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these steps would hurt the sentiments of Sikh Community;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken up this matter with US Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (f) Government has seen reports on enhanced security procedures at airports in the United States.

Government has conveyed to the United States that while it respects the right of each country to institute necessary security procedures at airports, it must respect the cultural and religious sensitivities of all travellers.