

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MINORITIES IN PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, in its report, has revealed that atrocities are being committed against Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan;
- (b) if so, details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan or raised the issue at international fora; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government has from time to time come across reports on the problems faced by members of the minority communities in Pakistan. Incidents of persecution and intimidation of the minority communities have also been reported. It is the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to discharge its obligations towards its citizens, including those from the minority community.

(c) & (d) Based on reports of persecution of minority groups in Pakistan, Government had 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.