

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAVEL ADVISORIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries have issued travel advisories against India during this year`s festival season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of such countries and its adverse impact;
- (c) whether the Government has registered its protest with the concerned countries and has taken steps to persuade these countries to withdraw travel advisories immediately; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Australia, Canada, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United States of America have reportedly issued advisories against India during this year`s festival season. However, It has been noticed that there was limited impact of such advisories.

(c) & (d) The Government has taken up the matter with all the concerned countries at various levels. I myself took up the subject with my counterparts from Australia and New Zealand during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Australia. All the seven countries have brought to our notice that the travel advisories were not based on any intelligence inputs and are disproportionate to whatever perceived threat their nationals might face.