

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2011
KILLING OF HINDUS IN PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the gunning down of four Hindu doctors in the Southern Province of Pakistan recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.132 REGARDING "KILLING OF HINDUS IN PAKISTAN" FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2011

(a) & (b) Government has seen media reports about killing of Hindu Doctors in Pakistan on November 7, 2011. Three Hindu Doctors were reportedly killed and one sustained injuries when attacked in their village in Taluka Chak, District Shikarpur in Pakistan. According to a Government of Pakistan Press Release, taking note of the incident, President of Pakistan has stated that it was the moral and legal responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to protect the minority community against vandalism and atrocities. He has said that law would take its course and culprits will not go unpunished.

(c) 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 Hindus 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. However, 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.