

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RACIAL VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIANS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indians have been detained/faced racial violence in foreign countries particularly in Australia and USA;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases during 2010 and in the current year, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the safety of Indians abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)&(b) As reported by Indian Missions/Posts abroad certain cases of attacks on Indian nationals have come to their notice. The number of such cases reported during the year 2010 and 2011 is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the Country	Total Number of cases of attacks reported
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1	Australia	Year-2010 -103 cases Year-2011 (January to November) -15 cases
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2	USA	Year 2010 - 3 cases
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3	Ukraine	Year 2011 - 3 cases
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(c) The issue of attacks on Indians in Australia has been taken up at the highest level by the Government, including at the Ministerial level as well through the High Commission and its Consulates in Australia. It has been conveyed to the Australian Government that it was the responsibility of the Australian authorities to ensure the well being and security of all Indians in Australia. The Indian Mission/Consulates remain in regular touch with the Australian authorities both at the federal and the state level. This has resulted in several measures being put in place on the ground to improve safety and security. They have been in constant touch with the Indian community to offer support and assistance and follow-up on all reported cases of attacks. The steps taken by the Australian authorities have been useful, as reflected in the substantial decrease in the number of attacks in recent months.

Similarly, Indian Mission/Posts in the USA have taken up the matter with US local authorities to protect Indian nationals and they periodically take stock of the action taken by the US local authorities.

The Indian Mission in Ukraine has strongly taken up the matter at the appropriate level with the local authorities demanding redressal, investigation and other suitable measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. They have issued travel and security advisories to members of the Indian community.