

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BBC MOCKING INDIAN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) presenter had, allegedly, mocked Indian culture recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up this issue with British authorities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the responses from these authorities?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) telecast a documentary 'Top Gear' on December 28, 2011 which was filmed in India. The documentary received several complaints.

(c)& (d) The High Commission of India in London strongly took up this matter with the BBC. The producers of the programme in their reply to the High Commission of India, London clarified that the documentary also conveyed the warmth, charm, beauty and the wealth of India and that they never set out to offend.