

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

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SIKH STABBED IN CALIFORNIA

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Sikh man was stabbed at an Airport in California (USA) in December, 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the US Government; and
- (d) if so, the US Government's reaction thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d): Consulate General of India, San Francisco has reported that as per media reports Shri S. Anup Singh, a 56 year old Sikh preacher was attacked by Mitchell Dufur, a 26 year old man, at the Fresno airport in the first week of December, 2011 when he was waiting to board a plane to United Kingdom. Shri S. Anup Singh suffered a minor cut on his upper torso and was treated at the airport. Neither Shri S. Anup Singh nor any other individual/organization reported this incident to the Indian Consulate. The Consulate came to know about this incident only through media reports. However, the matter was taken up by the Indian Consulate with the United States Government on 13th December, 2011 and their response is awaited.