

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3293
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GURUDWARA UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN USA
Sukur Shri Jadhav Baliram

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the news item appearing in the newspaper under the caption "America mein nirmanadhin Gurudwara mein tod-phod";
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has held talks with the American Government in this regard as well as to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government is aware of media reports stating that a Gurudwara, which is under construction, at Sterling Heights, Detroit, Michigan, was vandalised by unknown persons with graffiti on 6 February 2012.
- (b) The Government conveyed its serious concerns to the U.S. authorities on this incident and asked for immediate investigations into this incident.
- (c) The Government uses every opportunity to convey to the U.S. government the importance it attaches to the safety and security of Indian nationals and their properties, including places of worship, in the United States.
- (d) The State of Michigan immediately launched investigations into the incident and on 16 February 2012 the U.S. Government entrusted the investigation of this incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.