

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY THREAT TO INDIAN MISSIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian High Commission and Embassy in Pakistan and Afghanistan respectively are under constant security threat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many attempts have been made by the extremists and terrorists on the Indian missions in the above countries;
- (d) if so, the details of such attempts and casualties occurred during the last three years;
- (e) whether the Government has framed any specific strategies to thwart such attempts in future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Government is aware of the deteriorating security situation in Pakistan and the threat posed to the safety and security of the High Commission of India in Islamabad and its personnel. Embassy of India, Kabul has been the target of terrorist attacks in July 2008 and October 2009. While four Indian officials died in the attack of July 2008, two Indian officials suffered minor injuries in the attack of October 2009.

(e) & (f) The safety and security of a diplomatic mission and its personnel are the responsibility of the host government. Government has repeatedly taken up with the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan the matter of ensuring the safety and security of the High Commission and Embassy and their personnel. Government continuously monitors the situation and takes all necessary steps for safety and security of Indian missions and their personnel abroad.