

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ATTACKS AND KILLING OF INDIAN STUDENTS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indian student studying in the Boston University, USA was recently attacked and killed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of attacks on Indian students studying abroad reported during the last two months; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to minimize the fear of Indian students studying abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. On April 19, 2012, the Boston University informed that an Indian student, Kanagala Seshadri Rao, was shot dead by some unidentified person, close to his rented off campus residential accommodation. Boston Police Department is investigating the case. The State Department of the US Administration has also been requested to investigate the matter.

(c): No other incident of attack particularly aimed at Indian students during the last two months has been reported from any other country.

(d): The issue of attacks on Indians in foreign countries like USA, UK, Australia etc were taken up at the highest level by GOI, including at the Ministerial level as well as through the High Commission/Embassy of India in foreign countries. The Ministry of External Affairs also issues travel advisories from time to time and also takes up the issues of students with the Governments of foreign countries as and when required.