

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2232

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ABUSE OF BUDDHAS PICTURE

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the action taken by the Government on the alleged printing of the picture of Gautam Buddha on its product by an American company;
- (b) the details of the complaints received by the Government against such act and action taken thereon;
- (c) the country-wise details of instances of showing disrespect towards the various Hindus deities reported/come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The online catalogue of the U.S.- based shoe company, Icon Shoes was noticed in July 2012 to have included some shoes with Buddha images printed on the products. The company later removed these shoes from its catalogue in August 2012 after protests from the Buddhist community.
- (c) & (d) Information on instances of showing disrespect towards the various Hindu deities is being collected and the same would be laid on the Table of the House soon.