

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY FOR RELIGIOUS PLACES IN US AND UK  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has asked its counterparts in US and UK to further tighten the security of Indian places of worship in their respective countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the US and UK Governments thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government attaches highest priority in its diplomatic engagement abroad to promote the security and welfare of the Indian community living around the world. The Government has in its discussions with countries with significant Indian community, including the United States and the United Kingdom, asked that security of Indian nationals and their places of worship should be ensured. These Governments have assured us that they would take all steps to safeguard the interests, including religious freedoms and rights, of all sections of their society and promote deeper knowledge and respect for all faiths and cultures.