

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:43

ANSWERED ON:07.08.2013

HARASSMENT OF INDIANS AT AIRPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of incidents of harassment of Indians at airports of several countries including the United States of America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up such cases with the respective countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the respective countries thereto; and
- (e) the measures taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 REGARDING 'HARASSMENT OF INDIANS AT AIRPORTS' FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2013

(a) to (e) Some instances of secondary frisking/enhanced security checks/secondary inspections of Indians, in some countries like the United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Turkey, Malaysia and Mozambique, have been brought to the attention of the Government. A list of some recent such instances is placed at Annexure I. These cases of secondary frisking/enhanced security checks/secondary inspections are normally presented to us as necessitated by security requirements. The Government has lodged strong protest with the respective governments on each such occasion. The Government has conveyed that while it respects the rights of each country to institute necessary security procedures at their airports, internationally recognized diplomatic courtesies and privileges as also religious and cultural sensitivities must be respected. In several instances, respective governments have shown sensitivity about the inconvenience caused to Indian travellers because of these enhanced security checks.