GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:939 ANSWERED ON:11.12.2013 ATTACK ON INDIAN CONSULATE Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent incident of a suicide attack targeting the Indian consulate in Afghanistan's Jalalabad city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents that have occurred during the last three years;
- (c) whether any Indians were hurt in the incident and if so, the details therof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen the security arrangements in the Indian Missions in Afghanistan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) An attack was conducted on the Indian Consulate in Jalalabad on August 3, 2013 by three vehicle borne suicide attackers. Two attackers detonated themselves and their vehicle at the outer barrier on the approach road to the Consulate manned by Afghan security forces. Several attempts to attack our diplomatic premises have been thwarted over the last three years.

No Indian national was hurt in the attack, however 10 innocent Afghan nationals lost their lives in the attack.

(d) & (e) Government continues to take all necessary measures including working closely with the security agencies of the Government of Afghanistan to ensure the safety and security of our diplomatic premises and Indian citizens working in Afghanistan.