

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2228  
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ATTACK ON TEMPLES IN BANGLADESH  
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

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

- (a) whether the Hindu villages are being targeted by muslim extremists in Bangladesh and a few temples and houses have been destroyed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has raised the issue with the Government of Bangladesh;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Bangladesh Government thereto; and;
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of Hindus in Bangladesh?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (e) The primary responsibility for the protection of the life and property of all its citizens rests with the Government of Bangladesh. It has been conveyed to the Government of Bangladesh that the lives and property of all minorities, including the Hindus, should be protected. The Government of Bangladesh have assured us that they are committed to safeguarding minority rights.