

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:228
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2014
ATTACKS ON INDIAN CONSULATES .
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian consulates and projects supported by India in Afghanistan have time and again come under attacks/suicide attacks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of Indians killed/injured in such attacks during each of the last three years and the current year along with the details of the damage caused to Indian property;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken to check such attacks and protect the life and property of Indians living in Afghanistan including the Indian consulates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 228 REGARDING "ATTACKS ON INDIAN CONSULATES" FOR ANSWER ON 23.07.2014

(a) to (d) Indian interests in Afghanistan including Indian projects have been continuously facing threats from terrorist groups. Details of some of the major attacks over the last three years against Indian diplomatic premises and projects in Afghanistan are as follows:

- | No. | Year | DETAILS OF ATTACKS ON INDIAN MISSION/POSTS/PROJECTS |
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| 1. | January 9, 2011 | Attempted IED attack against vehicle with eight Indian workers employed at the Salma Dam project site in Herat province. No Indian citizen was injured. |
| 2. | August 03, 2013 | CGI, Jalalabad: No Indian citizens were injured or killed in the attack but 10 innocent Afghan civilians including 7 children were killed. 22 Afghan civilians were injured. Though there was extensive damage to neighbouring buildings, the Consulate premises was not impacted in the attack. |
| 3. | May 23, 2014 | CGI, Herat: No Indian citizens were injured or killed in the attack. Five Afghan security personnel sustained minor injuries during the gunfight. The Consulate buildings suffered heavy damage in the attack, and one of the neighbouring villas was completely burnt down. |

There have been several other instances where attempts by terrorists to attack Indian interests and diplomatic premises in Afghanistan were successfully foiled due to the vigilance and timely action of Indian and Afghan security agencies.

Government takes all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of all Indian nationals working in Afghanistan, including by working closely with security agencies of the Government of Afghanistan and continuously upgrading security arrangements at our diplomatic premises and project sites.