

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Coup in Turkey

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the military coup bid in Turkey recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether many Indians including Indian contingent at the World Schools Championship got stuck in Turkey;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any loss to life and property to Indians living in Turkey has been reported;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the Government has made any arrangement to evacuate the Indians from Turkey and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

- (a) & (b) Yes, a coup attempt took place in Turkey on the night of 15-16 July, 2016. The Government of India followed the developments in Turkey and called upon all sides to support democracy and mandate of the ballot, and avoid bloodshed.
- (c) & (d) Some Indians were temporarily stranded in Turkey during the failed coup attempt. A contingent of 148 players and 38 officials had gone to Turkey to take part in the World Schools Gymnasiade from 11-18 July, 2016 and the entire contingent of players and officials returned safely to India on commercial flights and there was no need for any special arrangement for lifting them to India.
- (e) There are no reports of any loss of life and property of Indian living in Turkey.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Those who wished to leave Turkey travelled on commercial flights and there was no need for any special arrangement for evacuation of Indians.