

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ATTACK ON INDIAN CONSULATE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a terrorist attack was carried out on the Indian Consulate located in Herat State of Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was any loss to life and property in the said attack and if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) whether any investigation was carried out in consultation with Afghanistan in the matter; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to augment the security of the Indian consulate in the wake of terror attacks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e) The Consulate General of India in Herat province of Afghanistan was attacked by terrorists on May 23, 2014. Three terrorists were killed by Indian Embassy security guards and Afghan security forces during a nine-hour gun battle.

Detailed investigation into the attack by Afghan security agencies are still underway. Their preliminary investigations indicate that the attack was planned and executed by Pakistan-based terrorist organization, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The US State Department spokesperson in a statement on June 25, 2014 has also publicly stated that the LeT was responsible for the May 23, 2014 attack on the Indian consulate in Herat.

There were no losses of life or injury to Indian officials in the incident. Five Afghan security personnel sustained injuries during the gunfight. The Consulate buildings suffered heavy damage in the attack.

Government has been regularly upgrading all security arrangements at our Embassy and four Consulates in Afghanistan. These measures are always undertaken in close consultations with and with the assistance of Afghan security agencies.