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## QUESTION NO.2430 HATE KILLING IN USA

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RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2430 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2017

## HATE KILLING IN USA

2430. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian techies are killed in the United States of America and other foreign countries due to hate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken up the issue with those countries to stop such killings and to protect our countrymen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) & (b) Two Indians techies were shot in Kansas (Texas), USA on 22 February 2017 resulting in tragic death of one of them and the other sustaining injuries in the process. There are, however, no clear indications to suggest that this was a hate crime against Indians in the United States of America (USA).
- (c) & (d) The Government has taken up this issue with the US Government at very high-levels and conveyed our deep concerns. We have called for necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of Indian Diaspora and expeditious investigation into these incidents. The US authorities have responded strongly and assured us that they are working with all concerned agencies to ensure speedy justice. There has been widespread condemnation of these incidents by the U.S. leadership, both in the Administration and the Congress.

The safety and security of Indians abroad is among the top diplomatic priorities for the Government of India. Missions and Posts remain vigilant and closely monitor any incident of attack against Indians. Such incidents are immediately taken up with the concerned authorities of local, State and Union administration as appropriate, to ensure that the cases are properly investigated and guilty punished. In the USA, the Government also engages with the US Congress for their support.

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